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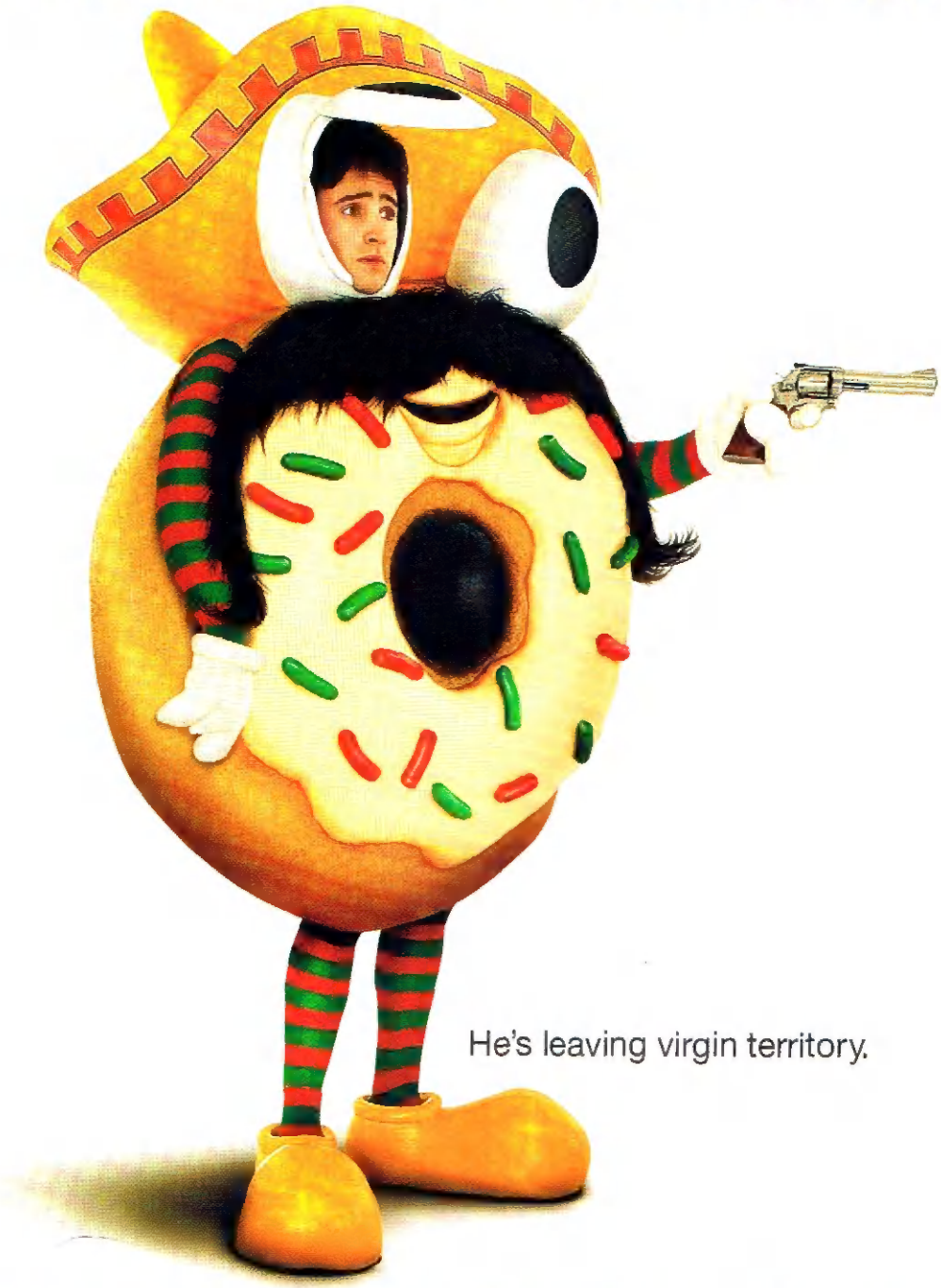

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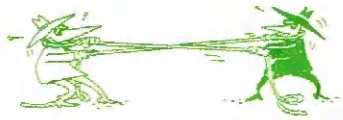

IN THE NICKNAME OF TIME

Thank you so much for making "Calvin and Jobs." I used to love *Calvin and Hobbes* and I loved the parody you guys did. I also like how you did the same thing with *Cathy* and Amy Winehouse. Why wasn't The Strip Club in last month's issue? It's one of the best parts of the magazine. And where did Bitterman go? P.S. Don't make fun of my name with Gryffindor because that isn't that original.

Griffin Benzel, letters@madmagazine.com

Gryffindor — We never claimed we were original. Thanks for reading! —Ed.

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There is a long story behind this note card. My aunt gave them to me when she saw my Bar Mitzvah thank you notes. I tried not to choke from laughing and throwing up at the same time. So for my dumb wish, I would like you to publish the front of this note card, but somehow vandalized.

Andrew Rybczynski, Baltimore, MD

Rybeye — At the MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™, we're all about making readers wishes come true. But in your case, how can we possibly mess with perfection and vandalize such an impeccable work of art? We would be doing Red Farm Studios (the makers of this card) a disservice. Please thank your aunt for us, because the only thing that needs changing is your attitude! Congratulations on becoming a man! —Ed.

READER ALERT

Election Day is coming up, which means Alfred E. Neuman needs as much help as possible if he's going to lose in style. So we're asking you, dear readers, to take the poster in this very issue and hang it in a store window, on a telephone pole, even at the voting booths. Take a picture of your handiwork and we'll print the best ones in an upcoming issue. Remember, if we all work together, we can secure an Alfred victory and America can have its dumbest President yet! (Well, second dumbest!) Send pics to letters@madmagazine.com or via snail mail to Amy "The Big Poster" Vozeolas, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

When I found out Bill Clinton would be stumping for Hillary at my old middle school (East Middle, Martinsville, IN), was my first thought to go and hear his take on all of Hillary's presidential ideas? No! My first thought was to go and get the former-Commander-in-Chief of all Celebrity Snaps! Well, as our current Commander-in-Chief would say, "Mission Accomplished" (for real)!

Brenner Williams, Martinsville, IN

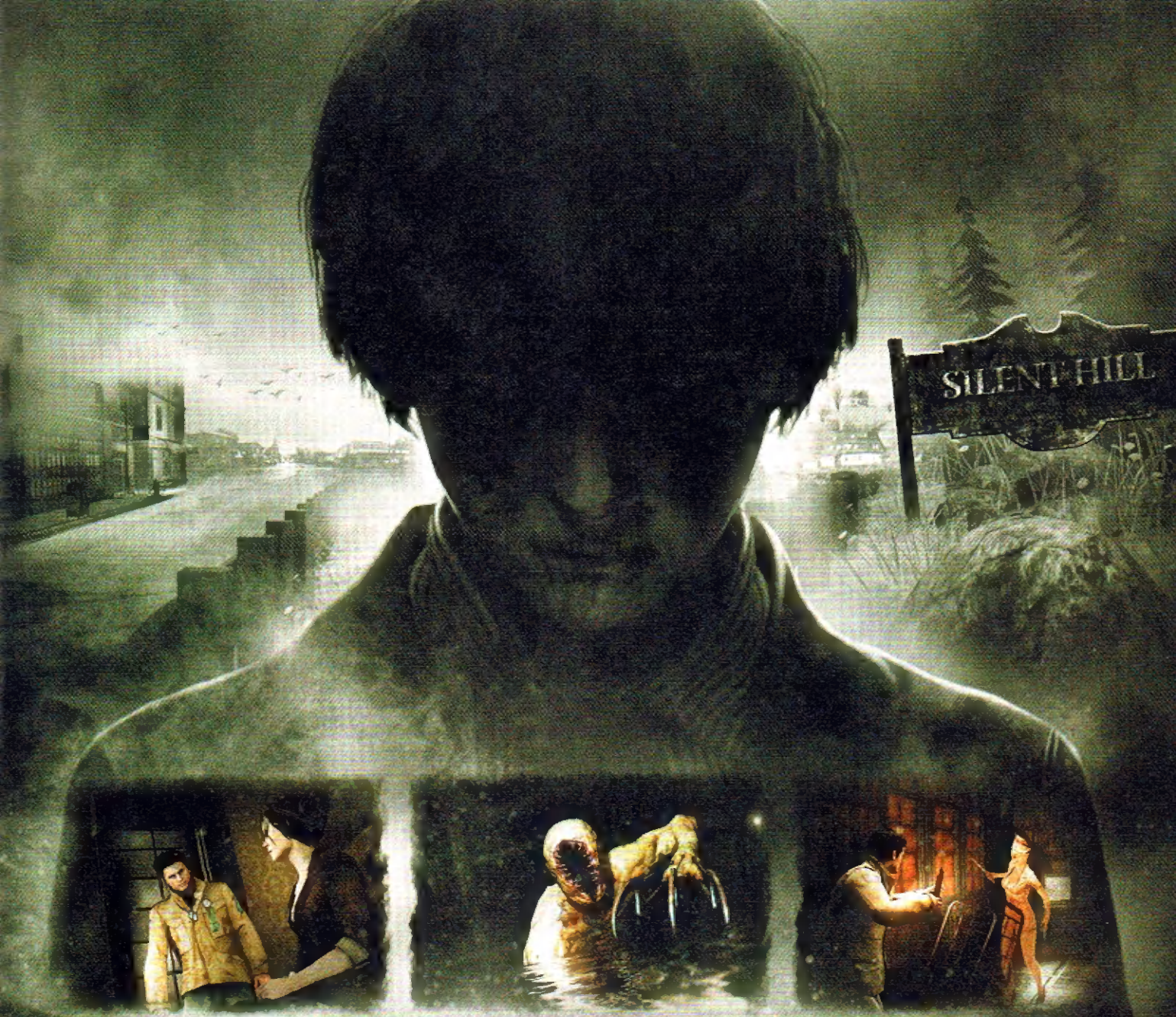
Brenner Off Dead — Great snap! But we have a question — was there an open bar at this event? Bubba is looking a little tipsy! Congrats on your three-year subscription! —Ed.

TURNING DAUGHTER INTO WHINE

I just wanted to ask the powers that be if they have any insight into what has happened to my 11-year-old daughter? My daughter stayed three weeks during the summer with her cousin in hotter-than-hell Phoenix, Arizona. Anyway, when I arrived at the airport to pick her up, I did not recognize her right away because she had a short bob with bright purple streaks in her hair, she wore all black with black skinny jeans, black slip-ons, black nail polish, black bag and a MAD magazine under her arm (and an apathetic, sarcastic attitude to boot)! I wanted to blame her aunt and cousin at first, but upon further in-depth inspection of said magazine, I have come to the conclusion that they are not entirely responsible.

Christina Collins, Vista, CA

Collinoscopy — She's dressed all in black and reading MAD? Sounds like she's mourning the death of her good taste! —Ed.



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THE SOAK'S ON YOU

Earlier, when I was getting out of my bath, I almost spilled water on my new issue of MAD! It was so close that I now do not read my MAD in the tub anymore. I cannot take the risk of it getting wet.

Nikki Franda, Plano, TX

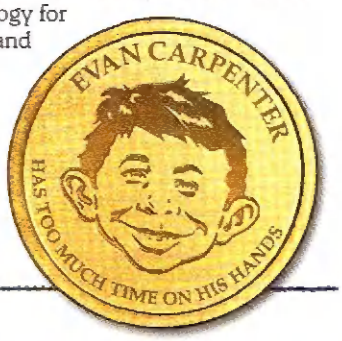
Franda Comes Alive — You've uncovered the reason why most MAD readers don't bathe! Enjoy the new-found freedom, Stinky! —Ed.

GESTURE AVERAGE READER

I am a sixth-grade student at Brentwood Elementary School in Spokane, WA. My teacher told us to write to our absolute favorite business. So, naturally I chose you. The first time I read one of your issues I thought I would die laughing. Please, if it is not an inconvenience, I would appreciate a small token from your incomparable organization to prove to my teacher and classmates that you are the best company on the face of the Earth. Please accept my apology for taking up your most valuable time and thank you in advance for anything you might send my way.

Evan Carpenter, Spokane, WA

Wall To Wall Carpenter — Here's a small token from us to you! —Ed.



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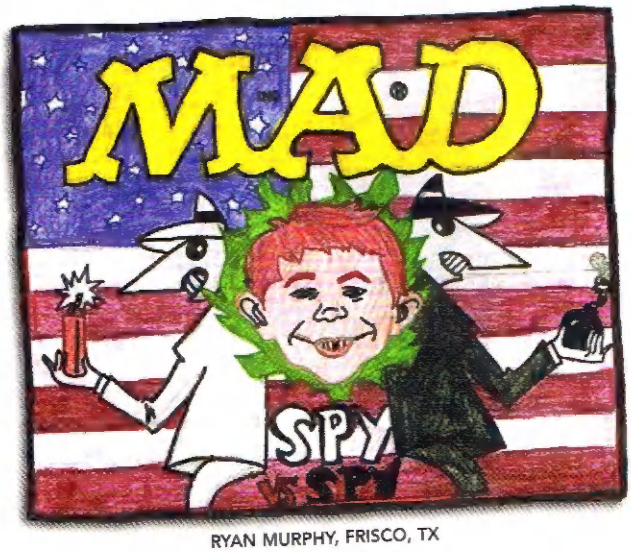

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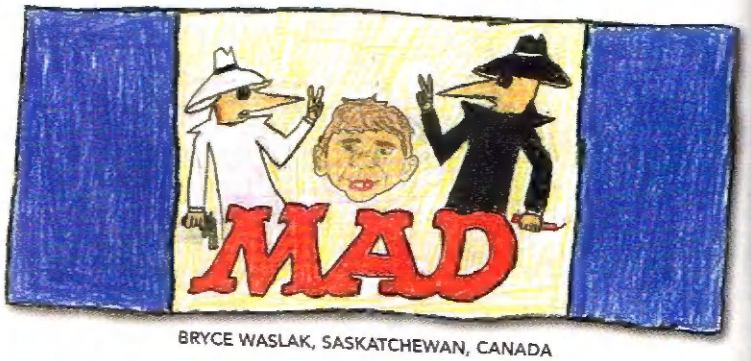

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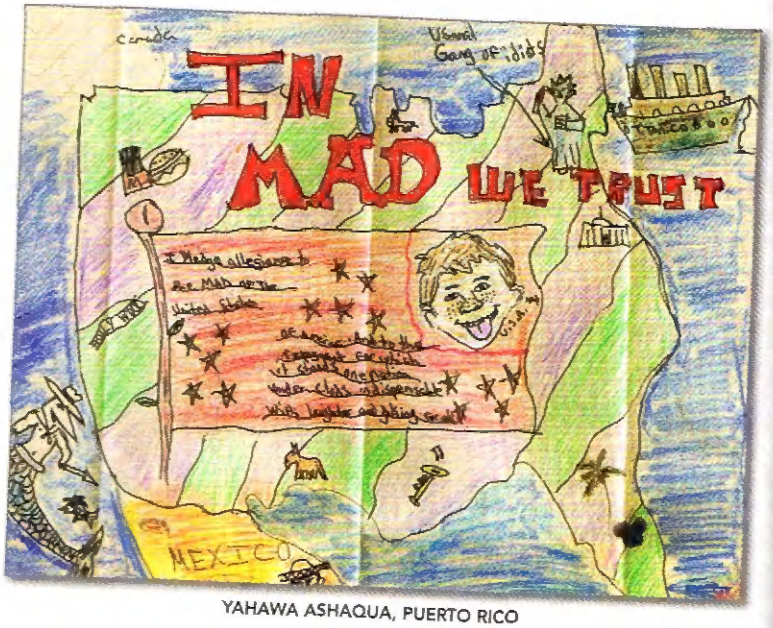

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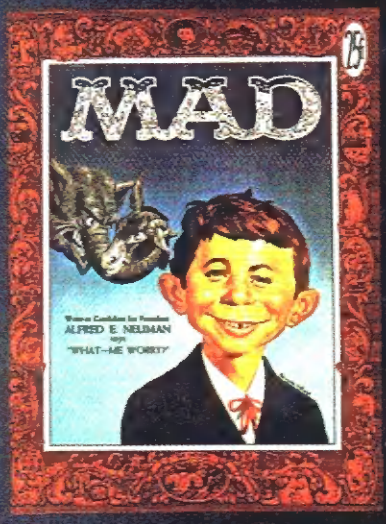

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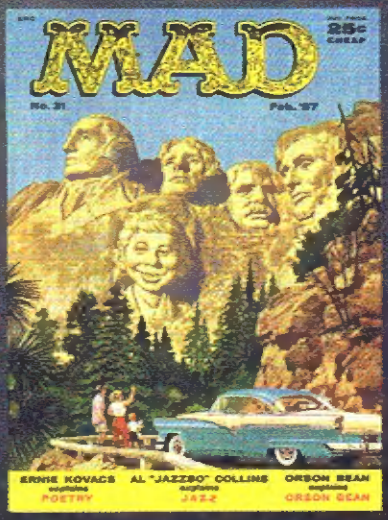

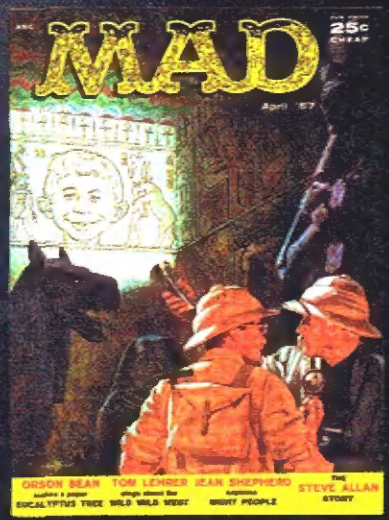

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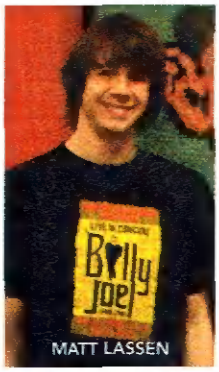

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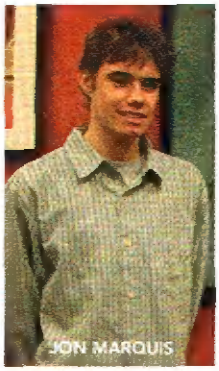
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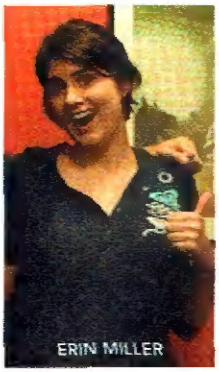
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It was once said, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." It was also once said, "Don't shoot!" And it was also once said, "Please pass the chicken gravy."

My point is that people say a lot of things. And I say a lot of things too, for example, everything I just said. Which brings me to MAD — yes, MAD — the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be — also says a lot of things. But the less said about that the better.

Someone else who wasn't me once said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Whoa Nellie! (This is me talking again, not that other guy who wasn't me.) Who wouldn't choose liberty over death? That's a no-brainer!

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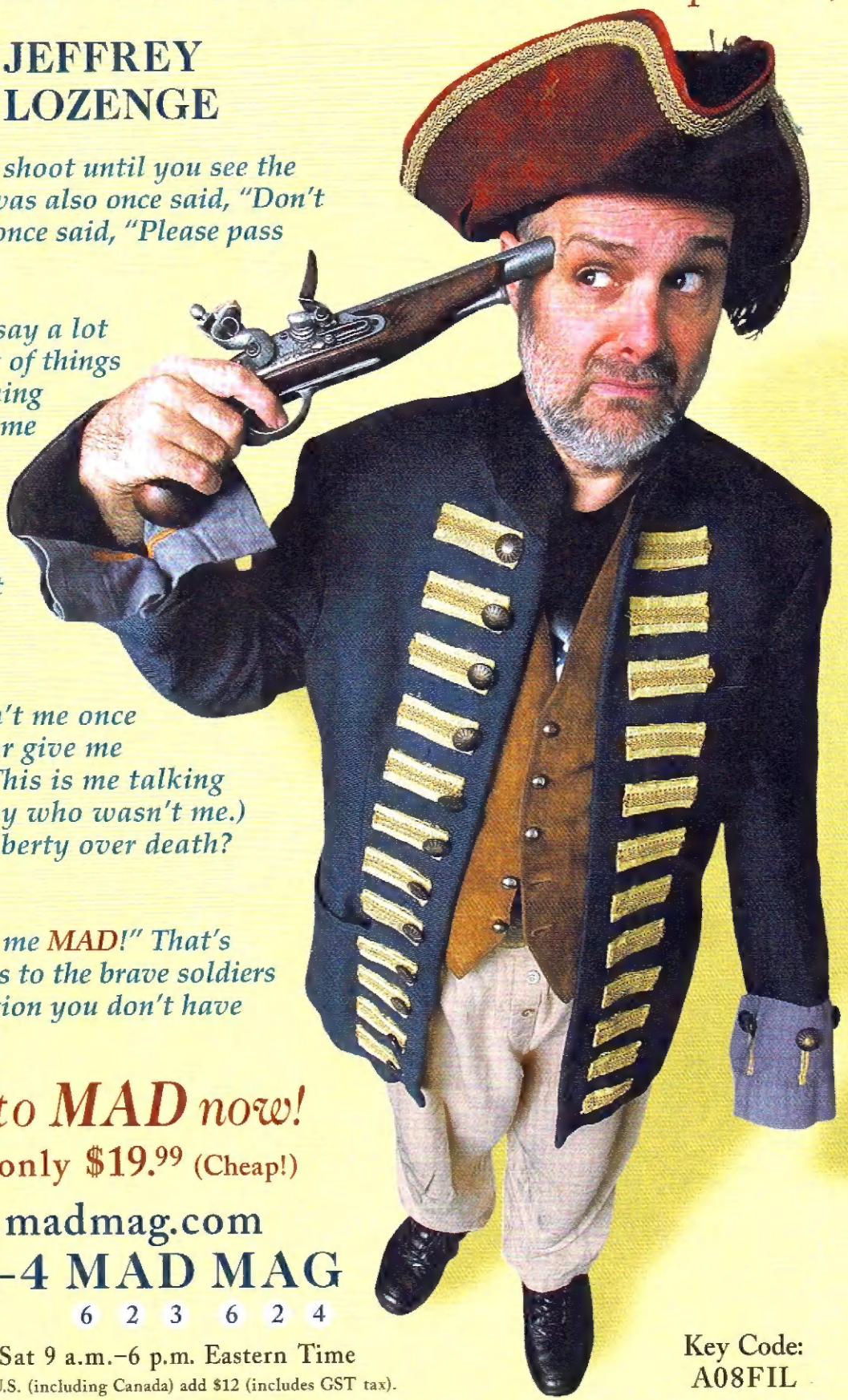

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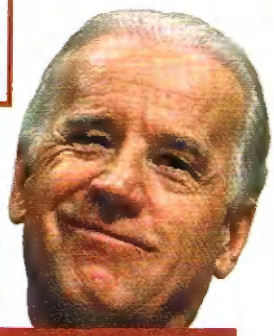


If there's one thing you'd like to tell both of our viewers, what would it be?

Who's on your short list for Vice President when you run in 2016?

Is your spouse prepared to take over the duty of leading White House tours?

Tell me, Gov. Palin: McCain's just playing a prank, right?

Were you anxiously awaiting word of whether or not you were the pick, or were you like the rest of America?

What would you do in Iraq if....ah, forget it. It's not like you'll be in a position of power.

Gov. Palin, you were in a group that favored Alaskan secession. What are your views on kicking New Jersey out of the Union?

FUNDALINI VOTER GUIDE TO THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES

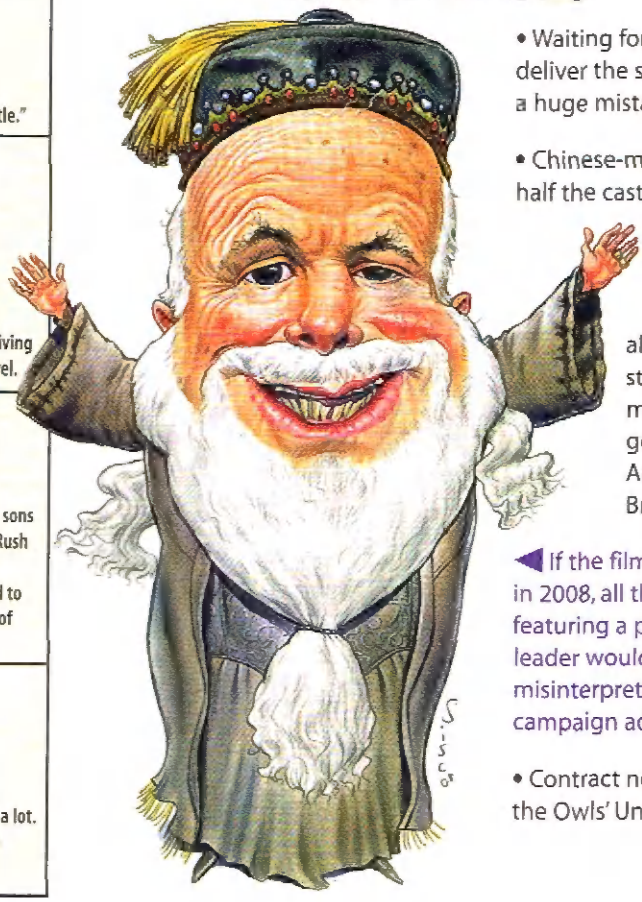
Jethro Gruntman
Age: 57
Party: Retrogressive
Family: A hand puppet named Koko
Occupation: Frontiersman
Previous Political Experience: Tried to overthrow the Governor of Montana.
Quoted Recently: "When I tell you I'm the best man for the job, I'm actually exaggerating a little."

Heinrich von Boffo
Age: 35
Party: Gin-Dependent
Family: None (still a virgin)
Occupation: Hibachi Demonstrator
Previous Political Experience: Elected to Student Council in Grade 5.
Major Campaign Issue: Plans to reduce drunk driving rates by quadrupling the legal blood-alcohol content level.

Dogstar Zamana
Age: 60
Party: Anti-Polygraph
Occupation: False Messiah
Family: Wife who died mysteriously in 1993; three sons
Previous Political Experience: Tried to call Rush Limbaugh a few times, but couldn't get through.
Possible Skeletons in Closet: Has attempted to prove he isn't racist by displaying his huge collection of Asian porn.

Claxton Baker
Age: 86
Party: Smoke & Mirrors
Occupation: Blackjack dealer
Family: His five other distinct personalities
Previous Political Experience: Watches C-SPAN a lot.
Campaign Liability: Always seems to work a Helen Keller joke into each stump speech.

THE "REAL" REASONS *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* WAS DELAYED



- Waiting for Axl Rose to deliver the soundtrack was a huge mistake.
- Chinese-made wands gave half the cast lead poisoning.
- They ran out of film, because in 2008, almost all available film stock was commandeered for getting shots of Angelina and Brad's twins.
- If the film had come out in 2008, all the commercials featuring a powerful, wrinkly leader would have been misinterpreted as McCain campaign ads.
- Contract negotiations with the Owls' Union broke down.

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LEAST POPULAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES OF 2008

A U.S. Olympic Athlete in Beijing

The 17 Pregnant Gloucester High Teens (or Sarah Palin's daughter)

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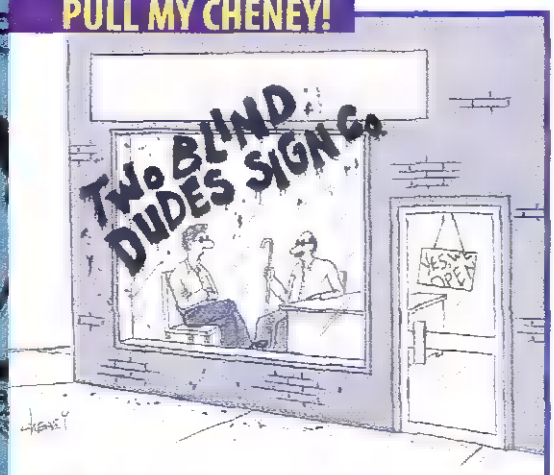

"Economy shmonomy – you know damn well why business is bad, Fred."

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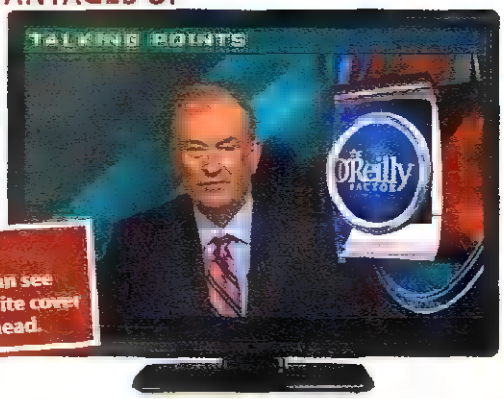

ADVANTAGE

When watching Blake Lively on *Gossip Girl* you can tell when they're keeping the show's set just a *little* too cold — you know what we mean.

DISADVANTAGE

When watching Bill O'Reilly you can see that the pancake makeup doesn't quite cover the "666" birthmark on his forehead.

ADVANTAGE

Grey's Anatomy in high def is so detailed, people without medical insurance can learn how to perform their own surgery!

DISADVANTAGE

24 becomes REALLY unbelievable when you can clearly see that Jack Bauer doesn't have a single scar after 5 years of being shot, blown up, beat up and run over!

DISADVANTAGE

When watching *America's Next Top Model* you can see the thin line of dried-up vomit around the mouths of several models.

ADVANTAGE

When you watch *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* you won't feel bad about your own screwed-up home improvements — now that you can see the sloppy paint jobs, cracked ceilings, and crooked nails from Ty Pennington trying to rebuild an entire home in just 5 days.

OUTTAKES FROM JOHN EDWARD'S *NIGHTLINE* INTERVIEW

Since there are two Americas, I might as well have two lovers.
I wanted to prove that Ann Coulter's "faggot" comment was simply not true.
I guess I'm just a sucker for a woman with hair as beautiful as mine.
I did a lot of soul-searching about whether to speak at the Democratic Convention, and had to ask myself: How hot are the women in Denver?
I assumed the whole thing was untrue since it was in The National Enquirer.
Had I told the truth last year, maybe Dennis Kucinich would have won the nomination.
Can we move the camera a few feet over so it can get my good side?
Hey, if cheating on my cancer-stricken wife and lying about it is wrong, then I don't want to be right.
I really hope all of this will be forgotten by 2012 when I make my next failed bid for President.
I did not have sex with that woman.... Miss Lewinsky.
Technically, it doesn't count as intercourse if the baby isn't mine.
I blame Ohio. If they had voted for Kerry and me, I would have been too busy to fool around.

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DON'T WAYNE ON MY PARADE DEPT.

[illegible] a lot surprised by the latest movie adaptation from DC Comics. It wasn't just another summer superhero [illegible] film. It explored serious themes! It was an allegory for our times! In fact, an academic presentation entitled *The Doppelganger Dentist: Batman and the Duality of the Mythic Vigilante* won an award at this year's San Diego Comic-Con. It came in a strong second to *Screamin' Dave: Vestigial or Essential?* No wonder criminals and cowboys alike call this guy...

THE DORK KNIGHT

I'm **Battyman!** Despite my **costume**, some have **suggested** that **Bruce Whine** is my **real mask** — that I **hide** behind **black-tie champagne parties**, 400-foot **yachts**, and unemotional **group sex** with **runway models** who'll never know the **real me!** How **long** can a person keep living a **lie?** Me, I'm giving the **pretense** just **30 more years**. Maybe **35**, if my **knees** hold up!

What **drives** me to **do** this? I could have used my **hundreds** of **billions** to fund **youth centers**, **neighborhood watch programs**, and **enhanced urban security**. Or I can dress up like a **giant rodent** and **punch guys** in the **nose** — my **choice** was **clear!**

I used to think it was bad **driving Miss Daisy**. But **now** I'm just the **auto mechanic** for **Mister Crazy!** In this story, there are actually **two** of us in charge of manipulating **stiff mechanical props** — **myself**, and **Christian Bale's vocal coach!**

I've **invented**, **designed** and **hand-built** an **entire line** of **futuristic gadgetry** and **weapons**: **Batty-cars**, **Battycycles**, **Batty-costumes**, **Batty-computers**, **Batty-bombs**, you name it! But **no one** must **know** about my **work!** So I'm **forced** to do **everything** by **myself!** That is, when I'm **not** busy **running** the **company**, **doctoring** the **books**, and **jetting** back and forth to **Hong Kong!** That **workload** may explain my **physical appearance**...I'm only **28 years old!**

With **Gothic City** falling to **pieces**, it only makes **sense** that they'd choose a **police commissioner** who looks like Disney's **Chicken Little!** When I took over, **corruption** was **rampant** and the **mob** had its **hooks** in the **department!** But **now**, I run a **clean**, **honest police force**, along with my trusted **personal lieutenants**, **Officer Vinnie Two-Chins** and **Officer Carmine the Octopus!** They've **assured** me that it's just a streak of **bad luck** that **50** of our **formerly mounted police** have **woken up** to find their **horse's severed head** in their **bed!**

Hoo hoo hoo hee! Say **hello** to *the most terrifying big screen* **vision** of the year, not counting **Pierce Brosnan** singing **ABBA songs!** Mamma mia! At **heart**, I'm just a **man** who loves to ***laugh!*** But I *laugh* at **senseless destruction!** I **laugh** at **chaos**, and **pain**, and **anguish!** I can find the **humor** in **anything!** *Except* that **Dane Cook** guy. *Just* **not** a *fan!*

The **scariest** thing about me is my insane **unpredictability!** You **never know** what I might do **next!** Like when I **bombed** a **hospital!** Or when I **bombed a city jail!** Or when I **bombed a judge's car**, or **bombed a warehouse**, or tried to **bomb two ferryboats**...okay, so **maybe** you have a ***tiny*** **inkling** of what I **might** do **next!**

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA!

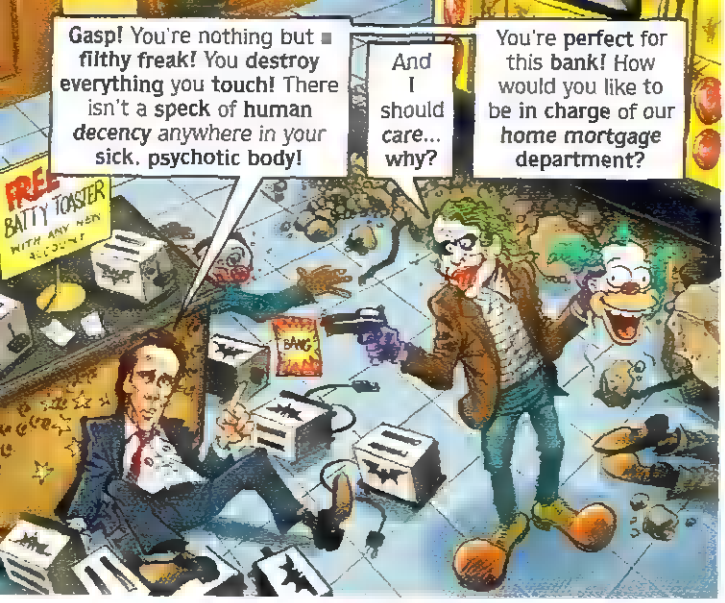
A **good butler** always uses his **discretion** for **keeping secrets!** Like Mr. Whine's **secret identity!** And his **secret love!** And apparently, his **secret elevator** that **secretly leads** to the **secret basement** that we're supposed to assume was **secretly built** smack in the middle of a **preexisting skyscraper** without anybody **noticing!** You know **who else** needs a **secret identity?** The **screenwriter** who came up with this **impossible bushwah!**

In the accursed, hellish **nightmare** that is **Gothic City**, there's only one **solid** and **permanent** thing for the **citizens** to **rally** around — my **incredible hair!** Last week, I was on the **covers** of the ***Harvard Law Review*** *and* ***GQ!*** These pretty boy looks didn't hurt in stealing away **Bruce Whine's** old girlfriend, **Radish Dawson**, either. She's **TOTALLY** into **me**, and **me alone!** My only **concern** is that she can't get **aroused** unless we have **sex** on top of the **Batty-signal!**

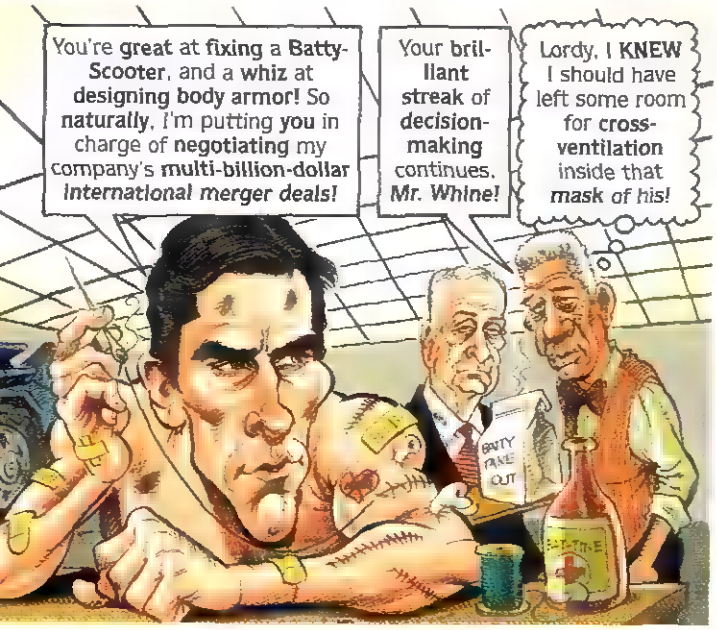
I'm **emotionally torn** between **Bruce Whine** and **Harvey Dink**, two men who share the **same goal** of **cleaning up** this **city!** Everyone has a "**type**," and mine is **schizophrenic**, **obsessive-compulsive do-gooders!** *Oh, well, at least* I still **pick 'em** better than **Jennifer Aniston** does!

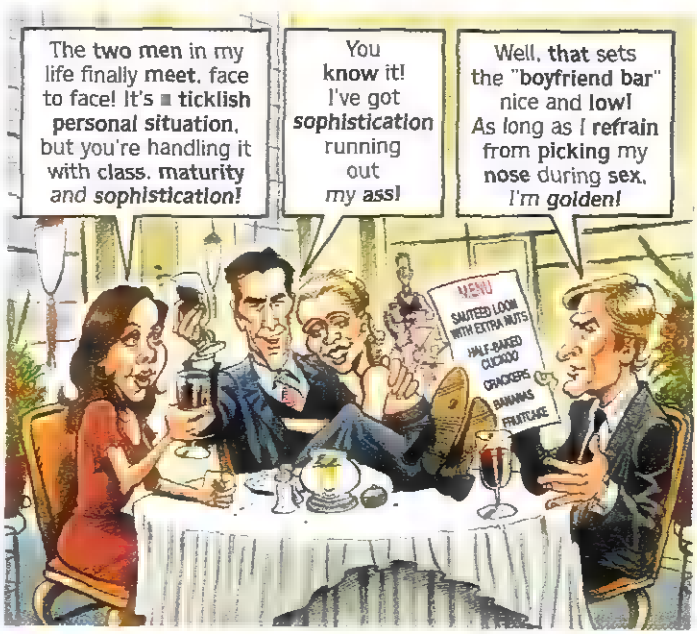
But I can **never** give myself **fully** to a man who's **addicted** to a **rubber suit!** Except for *that* ***one time*** *in Cancun*, but I was **young** and **really drunk!** I **love Bruce**, I do. But how can I **live** with a **man** who could get himself **killed** at **any moment**, and who has **no heirs** of any kind, leaving me as a **30-year-old** ***widow*** *with a* **400 billion dollar inheritance?** Er...on **second thought**, maybe the **Jokester** *isn't* the **craziest one** in this **movie!**

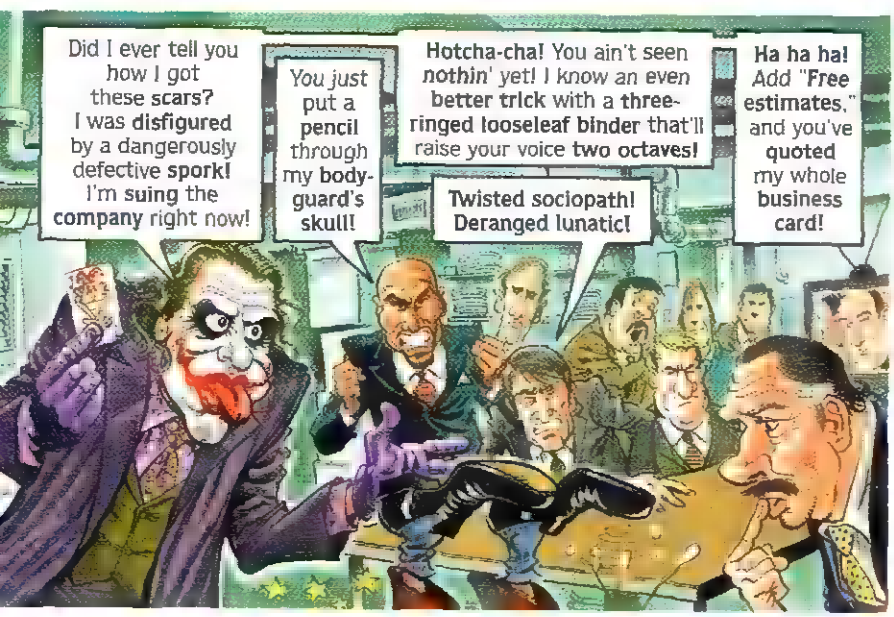
Hold it! *What about* **ME — Katie Holmes?** *I'm the* **only** performer from the **last movie** to be **replaced!** Even the freakin' **Scarecrow** got a **return cameo!** How **bad** an **actress** do I have to **be**, to not be up to the **thespic challenge** of nailing **dialogue** like, "**You** came back. But *the man I* ***loved*** *is still* ***missing***"? *My* **luck** *might've* been **different** if my husband, **Tom Cruise**, had been chosen to play the **Jokester!** Unfortunately, after the **producers** saw him **cackling** and **bouncing** on **Oprah's couch**, they said he was way too **over-the-top** for the **role!**


Gasp! You're nothing but ■ filthy freak! You destroy everything you touch! There isn't a speck of human decency anywhere in your sick, psychotic body!
And I should care... why?
You're perfect for this bank! How would you like to be in charge of our home mortgage department?
FREE BATTY TOASTER WITH ANY NEW ACCOUNT
BANG!

You fake Battymen wannabes need to go home! Nobody wants you! Nobody needs you!
Well, that was harsh!
Dude. Nice nipples!


You're great at fixing a Batty-Scooter, and a whiz at designing body armor! So naturally, I'm putting you in charge of negotiating my company's multi-billion-dollar international merger deals!
Your brilliant streak of decision-making continues, Mr. Whine!
Lordy, I KNEW I should have left some room for cross-ventilation inside that mask of his!
BATTY TAKE OUT


The two men in my life finally meet, face to face! It's ■ ticklish personal situation, but you're handling it with class, maturity and sophistication!
You know it! I've got sophistication running out my ass!
Well, that sets the "boyfriend bar" nice and low! As long as I refrain from picking my nose during sex, I'm golden!
MENU
SAUTEED LOOM WITH EXTRA NUTS
HALF-BAKED CUCKOO
CRACKERS
BANANAS
FRUITCAKE


Did I ever tell you how I got these scars? I was disfigured by a dangerously defective spork! I'm suing the company right now!
You just put a pencil through my body-guard's skull!
Hotcha-cha! You ain't seen nothin' yet! I know an even better trick with a three-ringed looseleaf binder that'll raise your voice two octaves!
Twisted sociopath! Deranged lunatic!
Ha ha ha! Add "Free estimates," and you've quoted my whole business card!

As an alibi for our secret meetings, I pretend that I come up here to smoke! I'm up to 19 packs a day!
You've taken on a difficult mission, Battyman! Don't you ever get scared?
Let's just say I wear a rubber suit for a reason!
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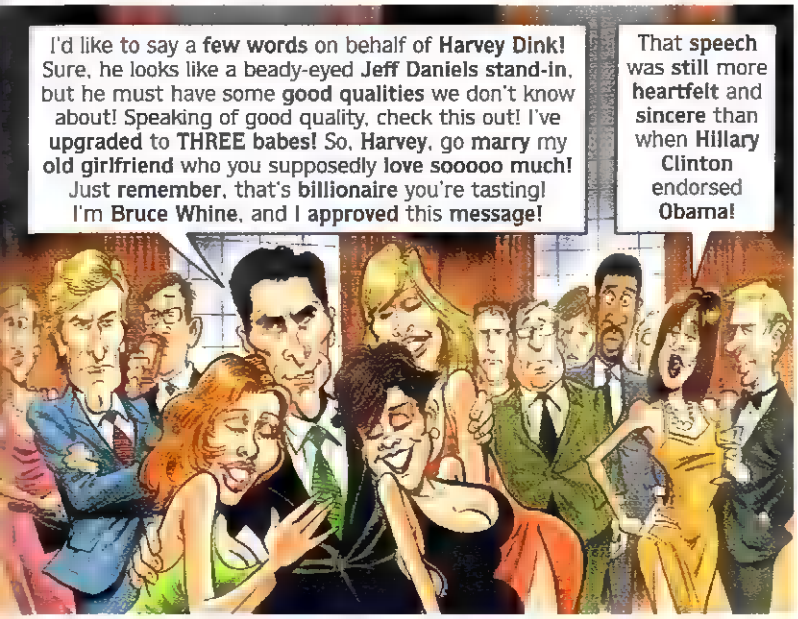
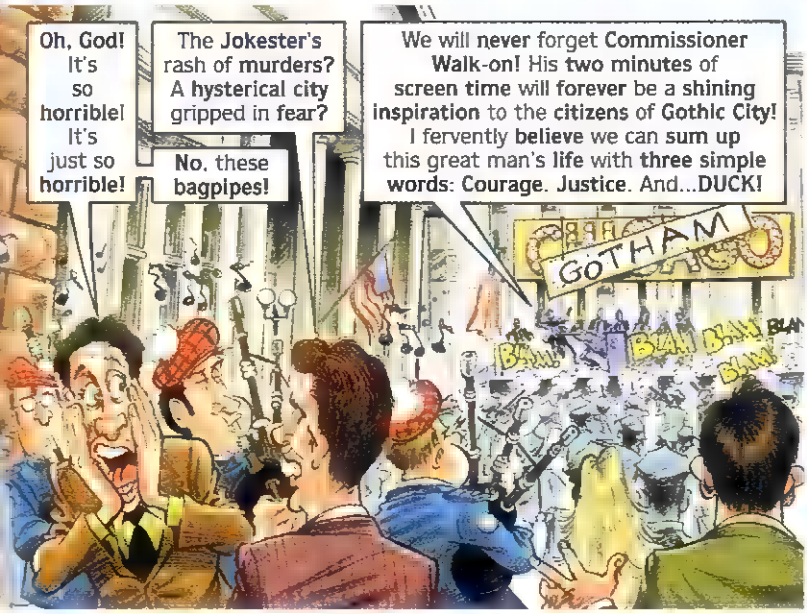
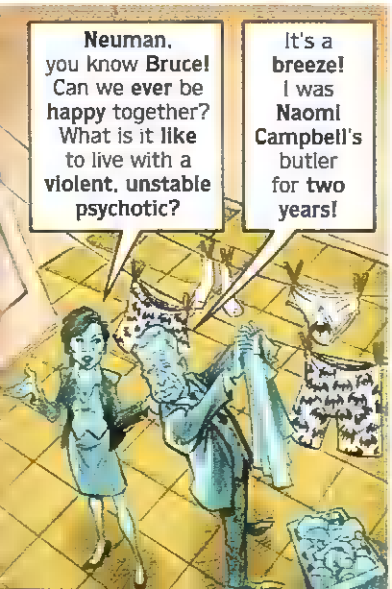
WILL WORK FOR SCRIPT

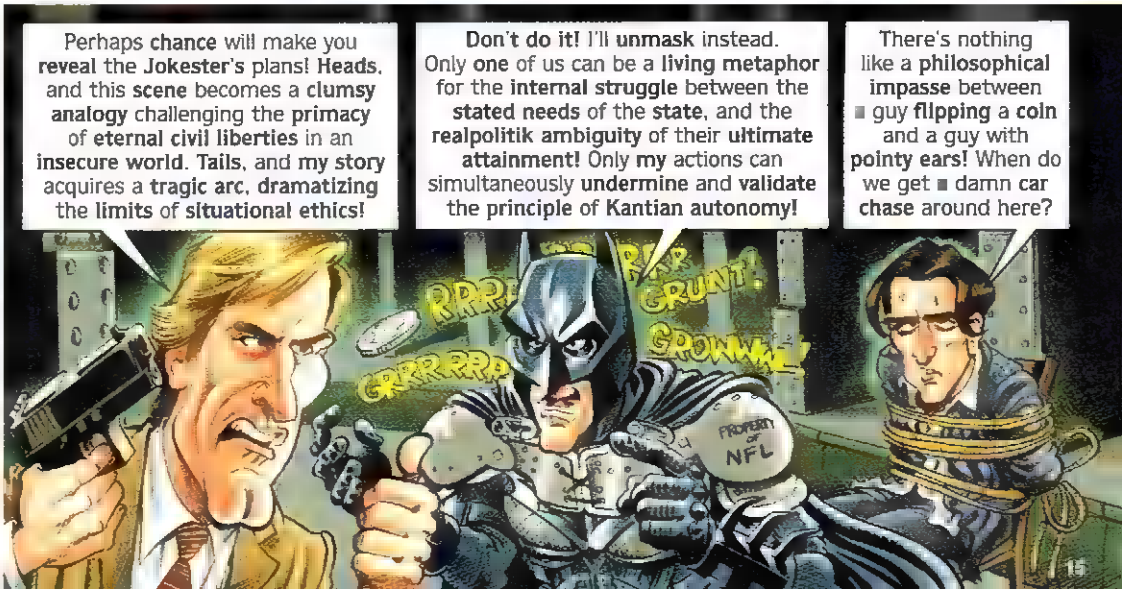

I'd like to say a few words on behalf of Harvey Dink! Sure, he looks like a beady-eyed Jeff Daniels stand-in, but he must have some good qualities we don't know about! Speaking of good quality, check this out! I've upgraded to THREE babes! So, Harvey, go marry my old girlfriend who you supposedly love sooooo much! Just remember, that's billionaire you're tasting! I'm Bruce Whine, and I approved this message!
That speech was still more heartfelt and sincere than when Hillary Clinton endorsed Obama!

You look very familiar! Didn't I go camping with your brother once?
I'm not afraid of you! The concrete pavement sixty stories down, though, now THAT scares me!
Did I ever tell you how I got these scars? I was working at an exotic pet store, and the owner bet me five bucks I wouldn't French kiss a pms-ing ocelot!


Oh, God! It's so horrible! It's just so horrible!
The Jokester's rash of murders? A hysterical city gripped in fear?
No, these bagpipes!
We will never forget Commissioner Walk-on! His two minutes of screen time will forever be a shining inspiration to the citizens of Gothic City! I fervently believe we can sum up this great man's life with three simple words: Courage. Justice. And...DUCK!
GOTHAM
BAM!
BLAM BAM!
BLAM
BAM!

Me? The Jokester has picked me as his next target? I know the perfect spot to hide! Bruce Whine's penthouse is the safest place in Gothic City!
You mean the exact same location where the Jokester just barged in two days ago, and dropped you out the window?
Uh. Yeah. Good point! But it's so high up, you can't beat the phone reception when you're dialing 911!


Neuman, you know Bruce! Can we ever be happy together? What is it like to live with a violent, unstable psychotic?
It's a breeze! I was Naomi Campbell's butler for two years!


Perhaps chance will make you reveal the Jokester's plans! Heads, and this scene becomes a clumsy analogy challenging the primacy of eternal civil liberties in an insecure world. Tails, and my story acquires a tragic arc, dramatizing the limits of situational ethics!
Don't do it! I'll unmask instead. Only one of us can be a living metaphor for the internal struggle between the stated needs of the state, and the realpolitik ambiguity of their ultimate attainment! Only my actions can simultaneously undermine and validate the principle of Kantian autonomy!
There's nothing like a philosophical impasse between ■ guy flipping a coin and a guy with pointy ears! When do we get ■ damn car chase around here?
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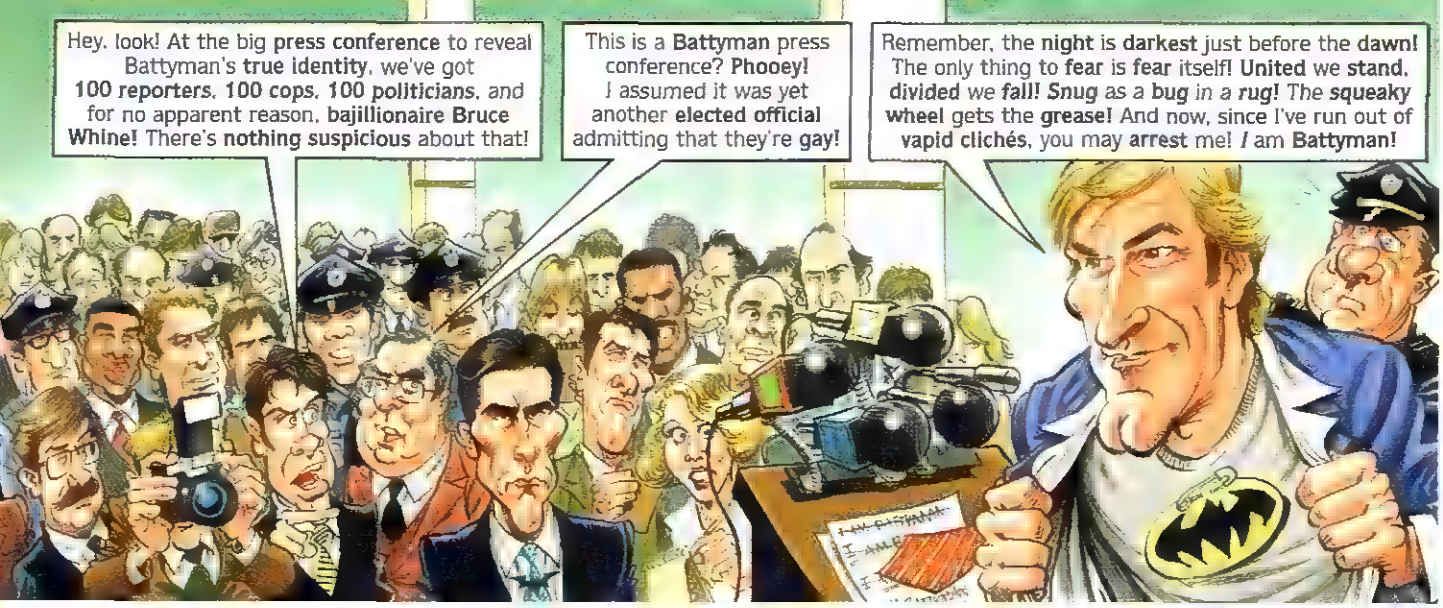
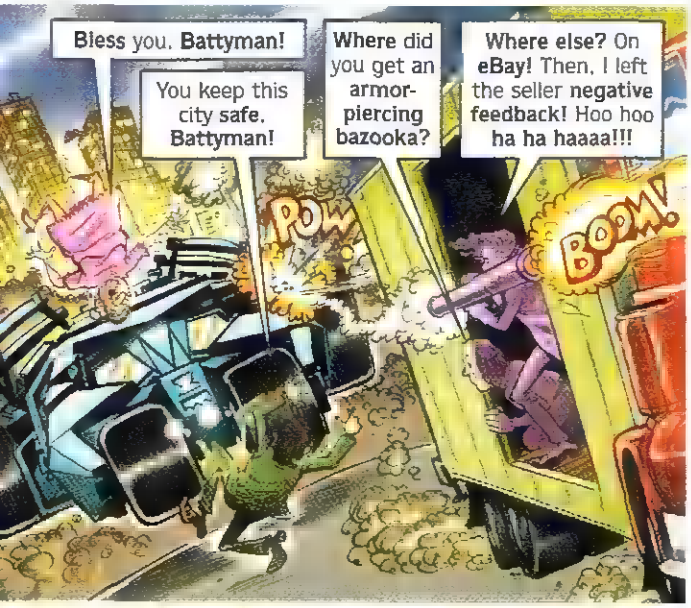
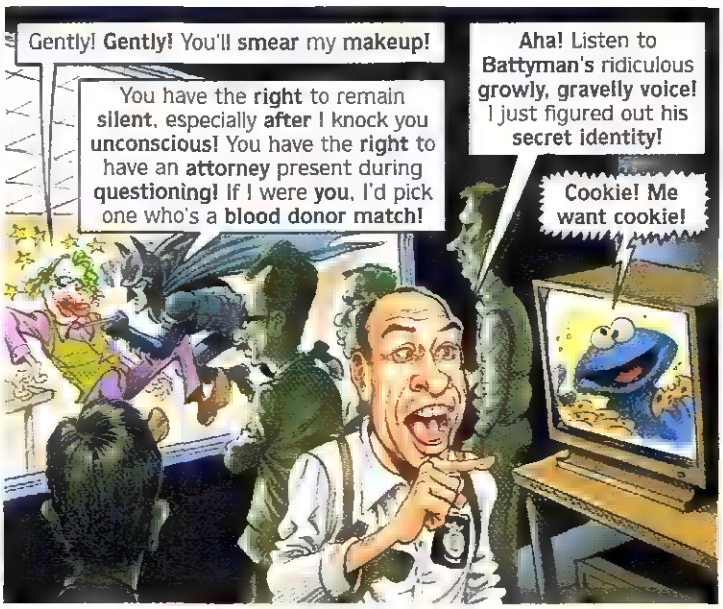
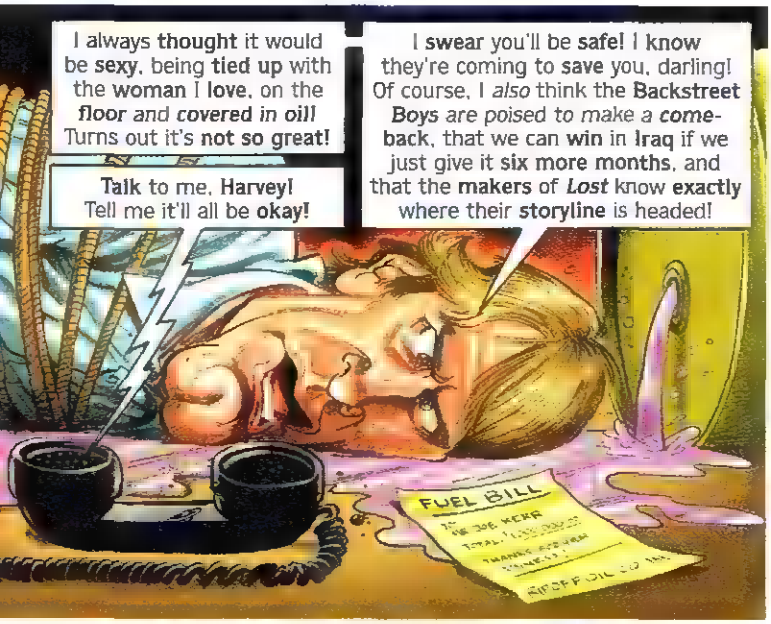
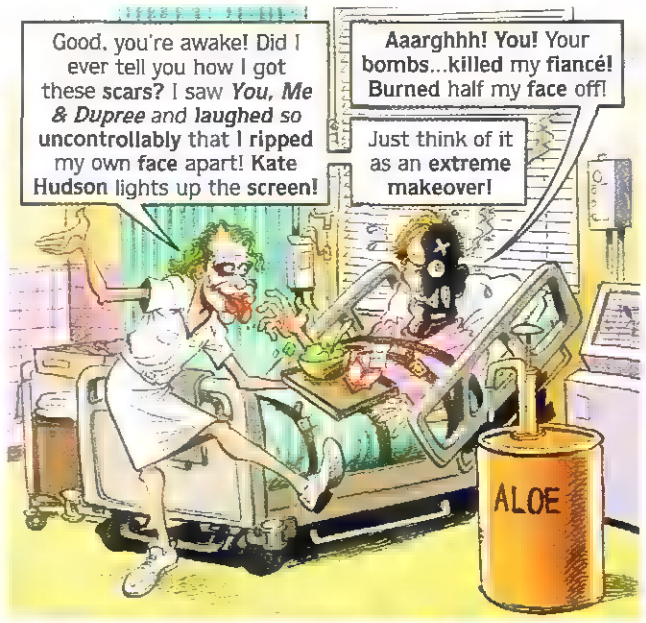
GRUNT!
GRRRRRR
GROWWW
PROPERTY OF NFL

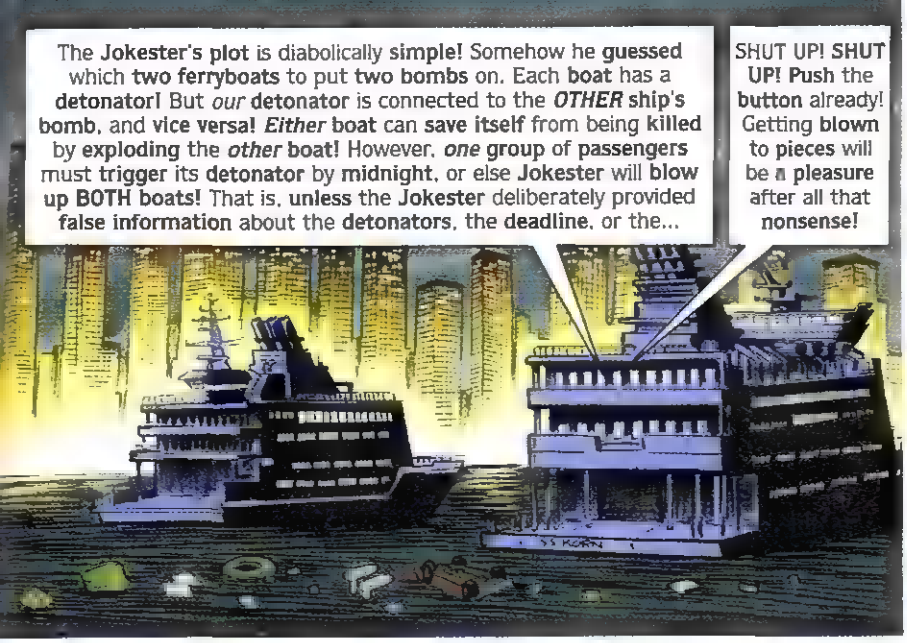

Hey, look! At the big **press conference** to reveal Battyman's **true identity**, we've got **100 reporters**, **100 cops**, **100 politicians**, and for no apparent reason, **bajillionaire Bruce Whine!** There's **nothing suspicious** about that!
This is a **Battyman** press conference? **Phooey!** I assumed it was yet another **elected official** admitting that they're **gay!**
Remember, the **night** is **darkest** just before the **dawn!** The only thing to **fear** is **fear** itself! **United** we **stand**, ***divided*** we ***fall!*** ***Snug*** as a **bug** in a ***rug!*** The ***squeaky wheel*** gets the **grease!** And now, since I've run out of **vapid clichés**, you may **arrest** me! *I* am **Battyman!**

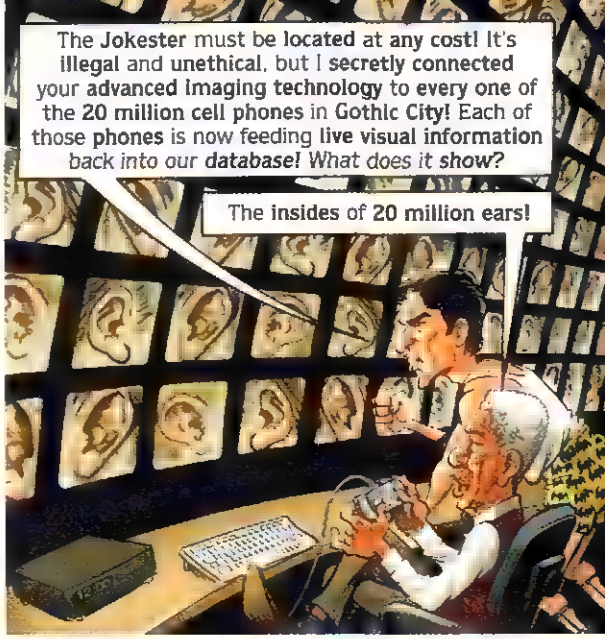

Bless you, **Battyman!**
You keep this city **safe**, **Battyman!**
Where did you get an **armor-piercing bazooka?**
Where else? On **eBay!** Then, I left the seller **negative feedback!** Hoo hoo **ha ha haaaa!!!**
POW
BOOM!


Gently! **Gently!** You'll **smear** my **makeup!**
You have the **right** to remain **silent**, especially **after** I knock you **unconscious!** You have the **right** to have an **attorney** present during **questioning!** If I were **you**, I'd pick one who's a **blood donor match!**
Aha! Listen to **Battyman's** ridiculous **growly, gravelly voice!** I just figured out his **secret identity!**
Cookie! Me want cookie!

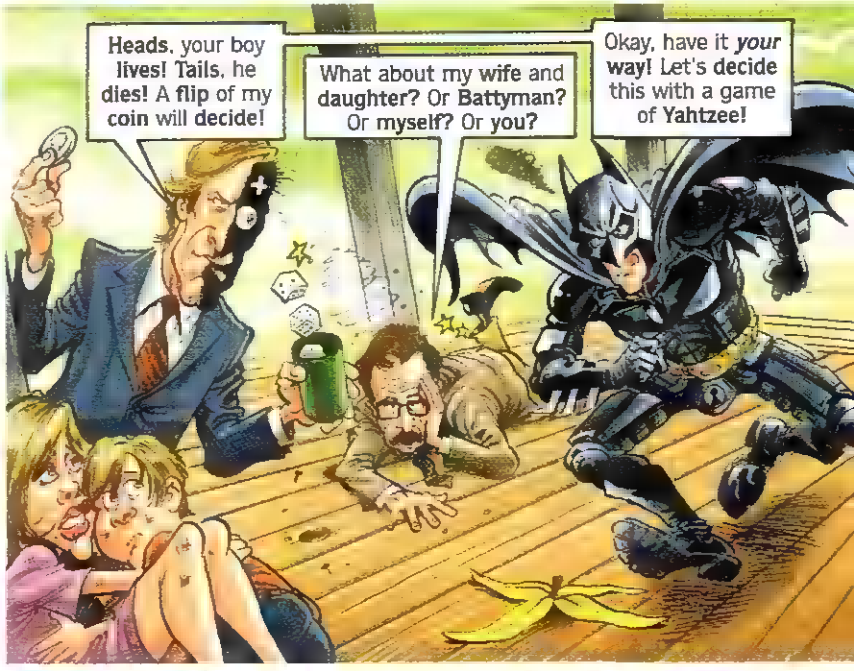

I always **thought** it would be **sexy**, being **tied up** with the **woman** I **love**, on the ***floor*** *and* ***covered in oil!*** Turns out it's **not so great!**
Talk to me, **Harvey!** Tell me it'll all be **okay!**
I **swear** you'll be **safe!** I **know** they're coming to **save** you, darling! Of course, I *also* think the **Backstreet Boys** *are poised to make a* **come-back**, that we can **win** in **Iraq** if we just give it **six more months**, and that the **makers** of ***Lost*** know **exactly** where their **storyline** is headed!
FUEL BILL

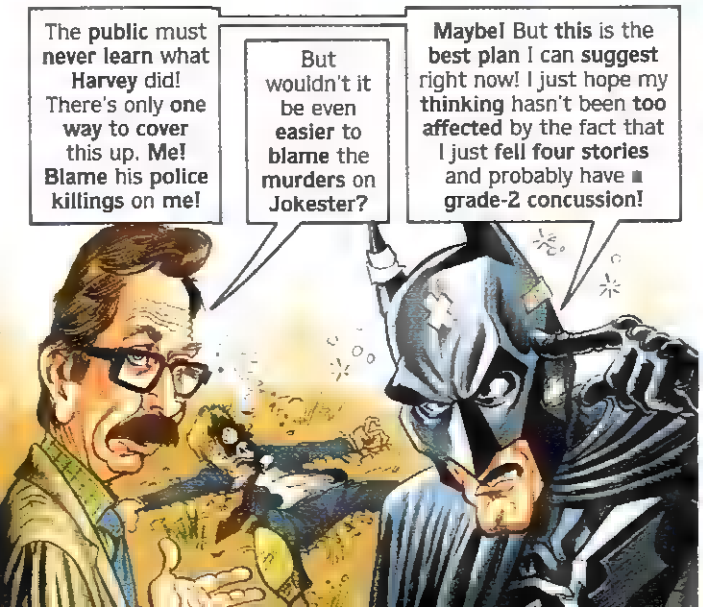

Good, you're awake! Did I ever tell you how I got these **scars?** I saw ***You, Me & Dupree*** and **laughed** so **uncontrollably** that I **ripped** my own **face** apart! **Kate Hudson** lights up the **screen!**
Aaarghhh! You! Your **bombs...killed** my **fiancé!** **Burned** half my **face** off!
Just think of it as an **extreme makeover!**
ALOE

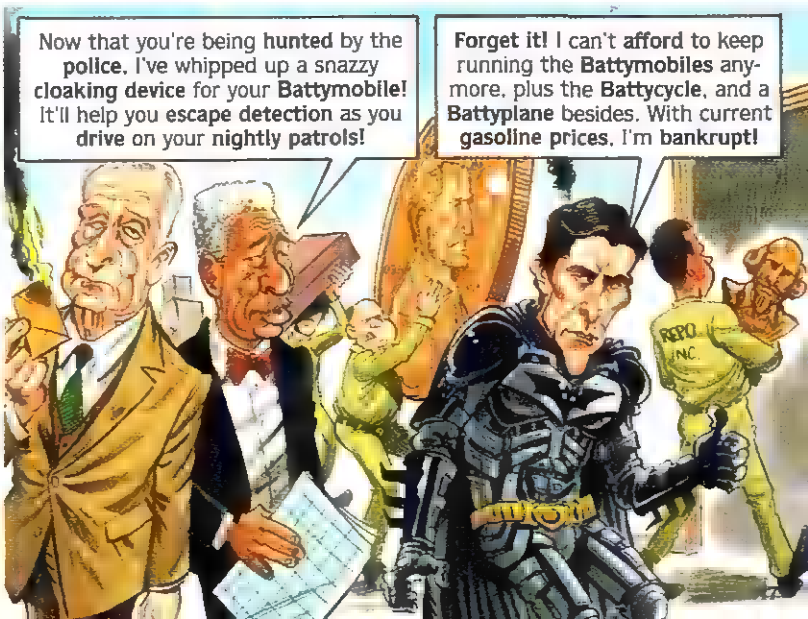

The Jokester's plot is diabolically simple! Somehow he guessed which two ferryboats to put two bombs on. Each boat has a detonator! But our detonator is connected to the OTHER ship's bomb, and vice versa! Either boat can save itself from being killed by exploding the other boat! However, one group of passengers must trigger its detonator by midnight, or else Jokester will blow up BOTH boats! That is, unless the Jokester deliberately provided false information about the detonators, the deadline, or the...
SHUT UP! SHUT UP! Push the button already! Getting blown to pieces will be a pleasure after all that nonsense!


The Jokester must be located at any cost! It's illegal and unethical, but I secretly connected your advanced imaging technology to every one of the 20 million cell phones in Gothic City! Each of those phones is now feeding live visual information back into our database! What does it show?
The insides of 20 million ears!

Finally, I've got you roped and tied, with your butt up in the air! I'll bet you're relieved that this is a mainstream action movie and not Brokeback Mountain 2!
Wake up, Battyman! We did the Brokeback Mountain joke 12 panels ago!
I know! But I'm stuck for a gag, and for jokes about OD-ing on illegal prescription drugs, it's still "too soon"!


Heads, your boy lives! Tails, he dies! A flip of my coin will decide!
What about my wife and daughter? Or Battyman? Or myself? Or you?
Okay, have it your way! Let's decide this with a game of Yahtzee!


The public must never learn what Harvey did! There's only one way to cover this up. Me! Blame his police killings on me!
But wouldn't it be even easier to blame the murders on Jokester?
Maybe! But this is the best plan I can suggest right now! I just hope my thinking hasn't been too affected by the fact that I just fell four stories and probably have a grade-2 concussion!


Now that you're being hunted by the police, I've whipped up a snazzy cloaking device for your Battymobile! It'll help you escape detection as you drive on your nightly patrols!
Forget it! I can't afford to keep running the Battymobiles anymore, plus the Battycycle, and a Battyplane besides. With current gasoline prices, I'm bankrupt!
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Back when the Iraq War started, we couldn't help but notice that the buzzwords and catch phrases emanating from the White House and Pentagon weren't exactly meshing with reality. With the mission already accomplished, we hurriedly assembled a collection of examples and rushed them into print in MAD #438. We wanted to make sure that our article made it to publication before the war ended, Iraq was quiet, and all the troops were already home. As it turned out, we could have taken our sweet time about it. So what's the situation on the ground four years later? The oil might be getting scarce, but the B.S. is flowing just as freely as ever! And so, we present the second of what we never thought would turn out to be a long, long series...

MAD'S UPDATED GLOSSARY TO THE WAR ON TERROR

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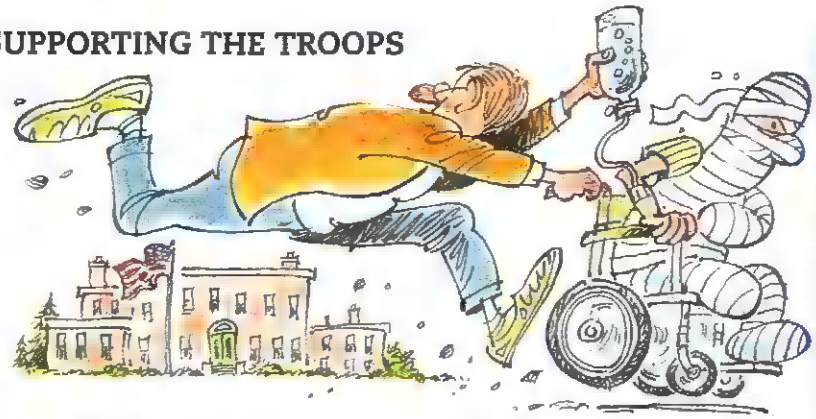
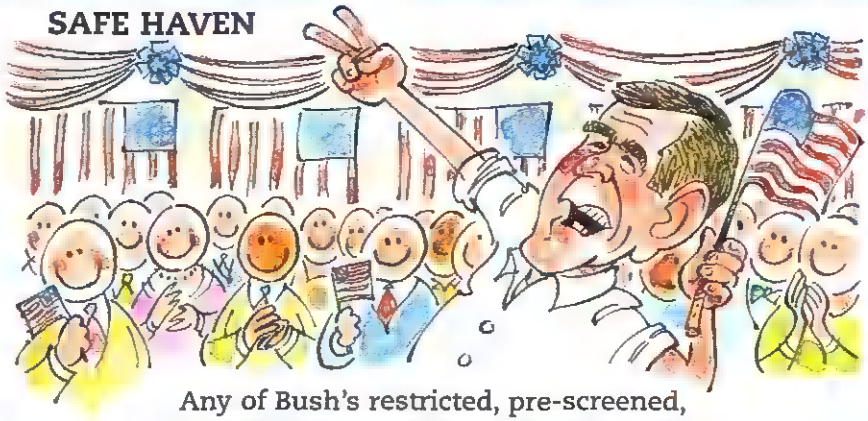


Keeping them far, far away from the decaying hellholes that are our Veterans' Hospitals.

SAFE HAVEN



Any of Bush's restricted, pre-screened, "no touchy questions" Town Hall meetings.

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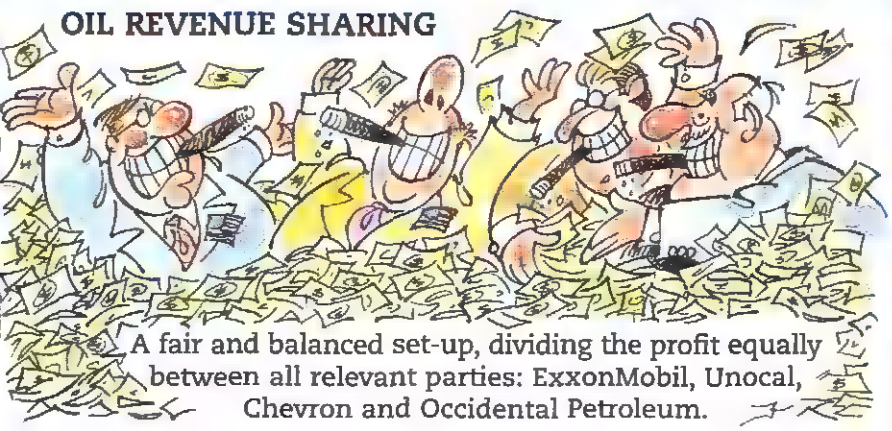
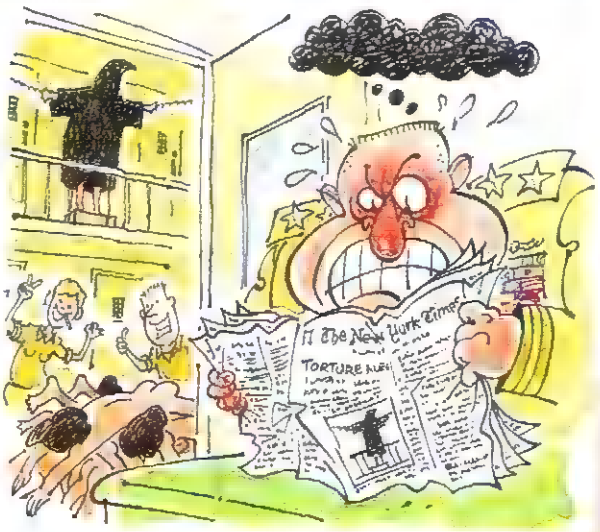


A fair and balanced set-up, dividing the profit equally between all relevant parties: ExxonMobil, Unocal, Chevron and Occidental Petroleum.

EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION

The "high C" note a prisoner makes when 25,000 volts get shot through his nutsack.

PRISON TORTURE SCANDAL



The horrible, scandalous fact that somebody blabbed about the prison torture.

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST: PAUL COKER

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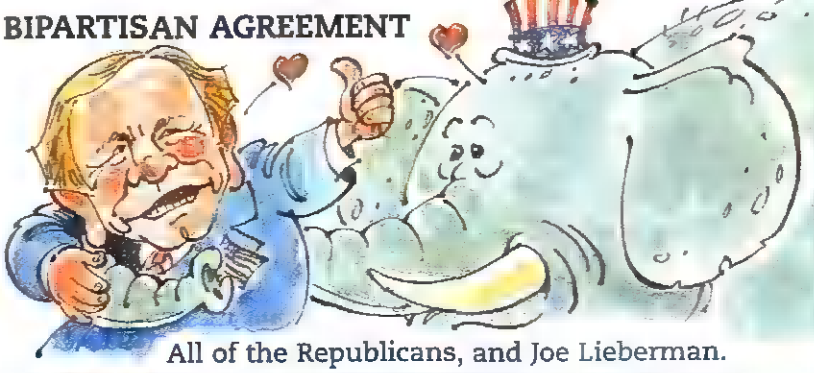
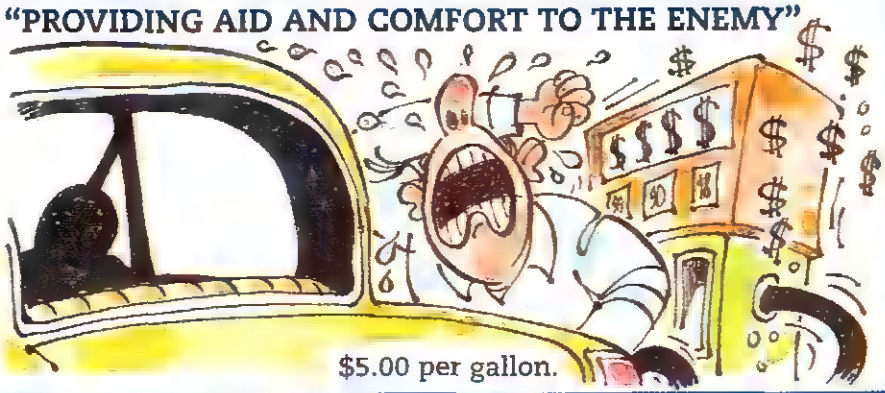


All of the Republicans, and Joe Lieberman.

"STUBBORN POCKETS OF RESISTANCE"

The three-fourths of Americans who, according to the polls, don't think Bush is doing a darned good job.

"PROVIDING AID AND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY"



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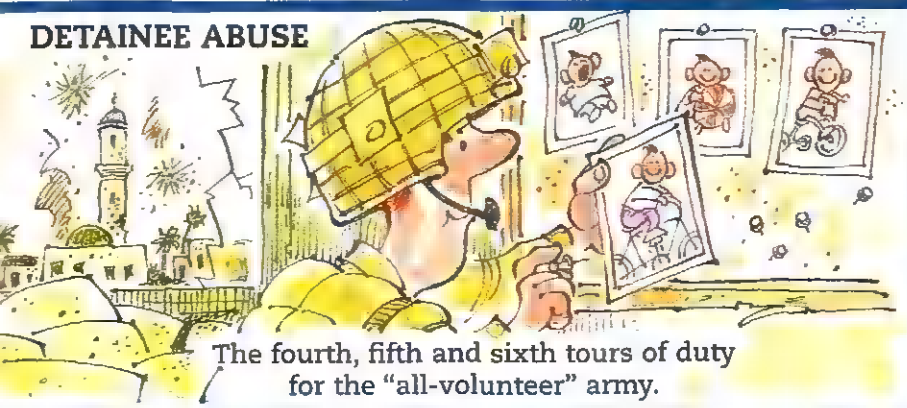

The fourth, fifth and sixth tours of duty for the "all-volunteer" army.

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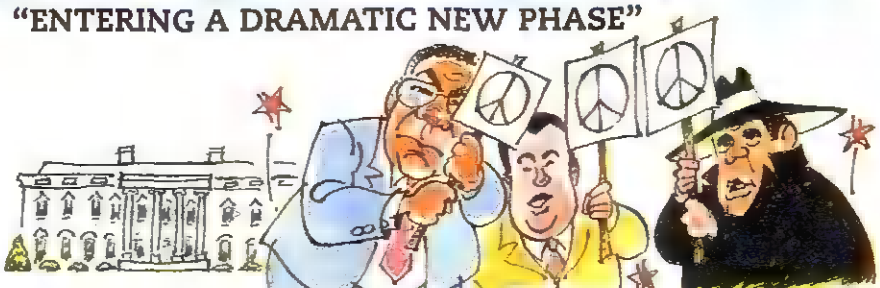
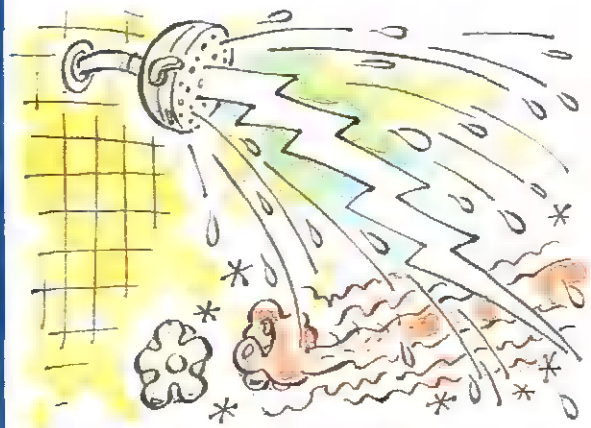


Getting one's ass booted from the Bush inner circle, and then claiming you were secretly against the war all along.

"THE SURGE IS WORKING"



The last thing noticed by the dozen U.S. soldiers who've been electrocuted in the shower by the ungrounded wires installed by incompetent Halliburton profiteers.

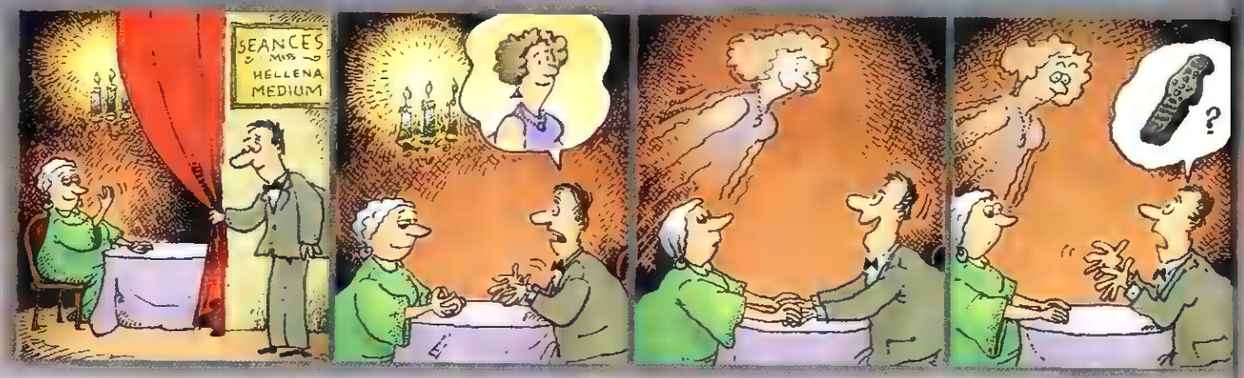
THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

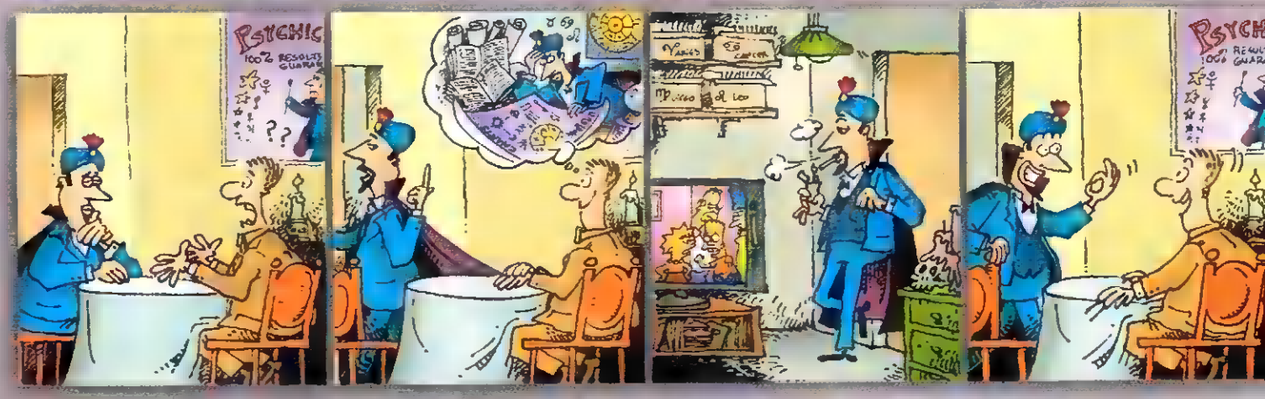
Something Iraqis enjoy, during the 2 hours a day Baghdad has electricity.

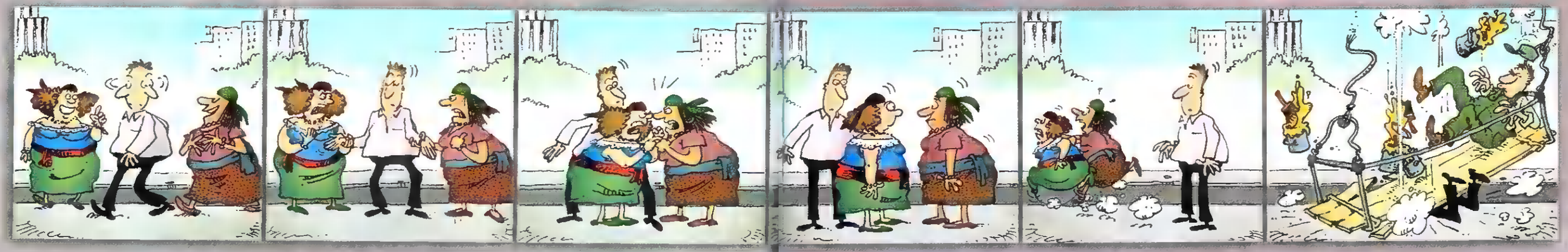
CUT AND RUN

A phrase which, oddly, is most often used by the same politicians who cut our soldiers' combat pay, cut their furloughs, and cut their insurance and health benefits, and then run for reelection as gung-ho patriots.

Sergio Aragonés Presents A MAD Look at FORTUNE TELLERS







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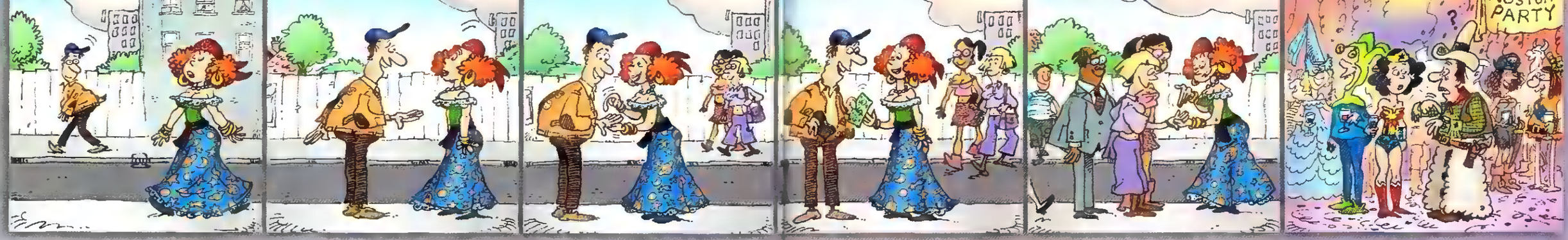
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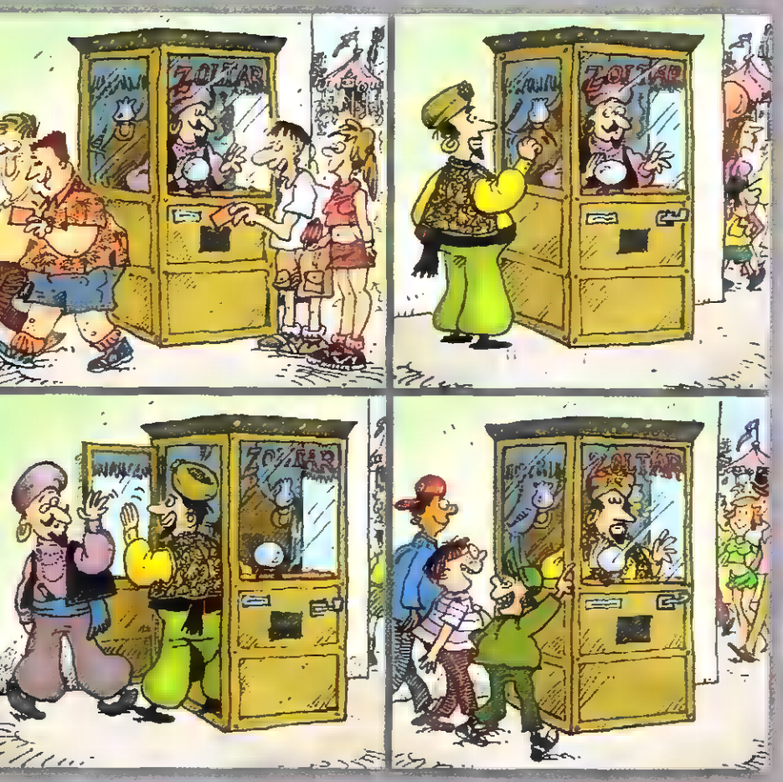
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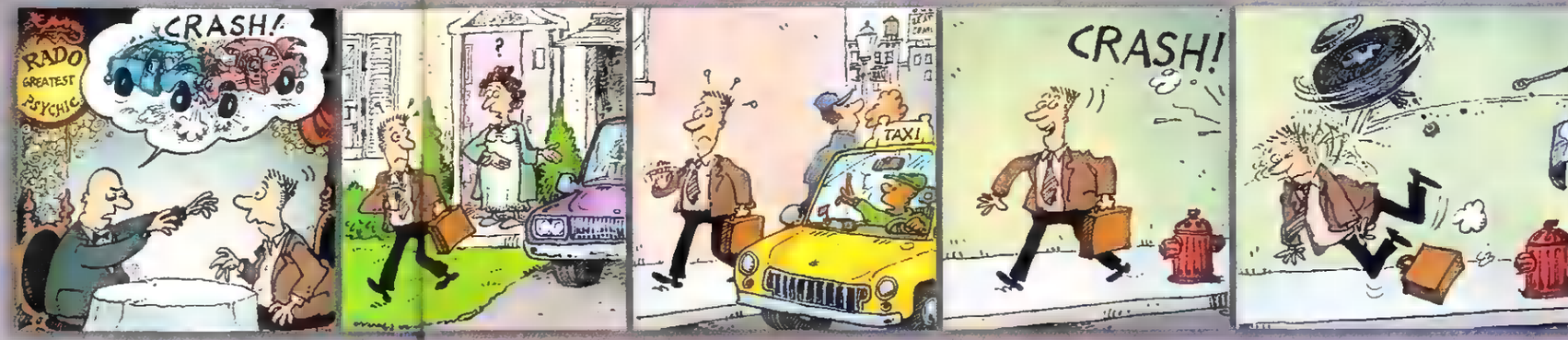
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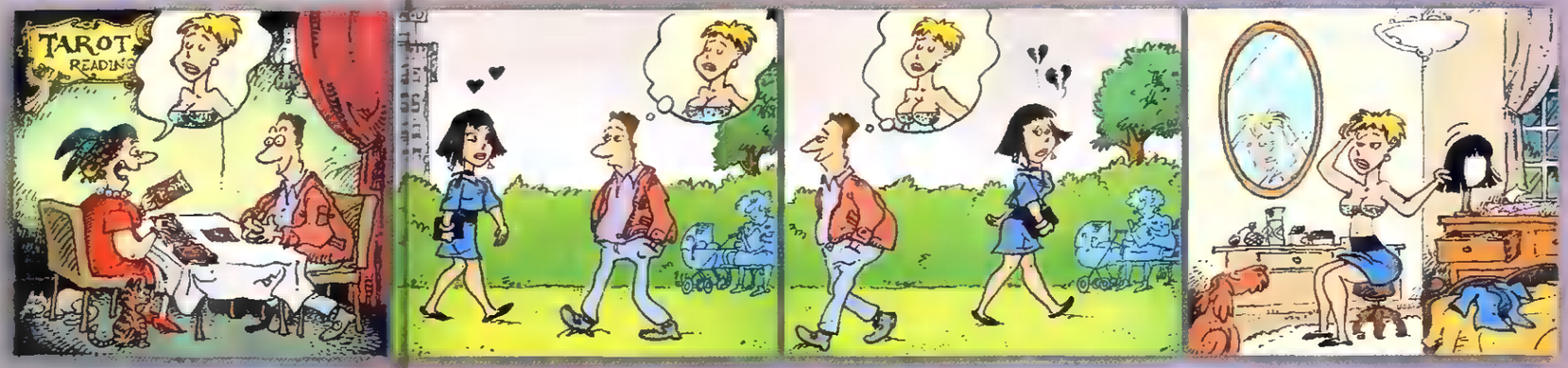
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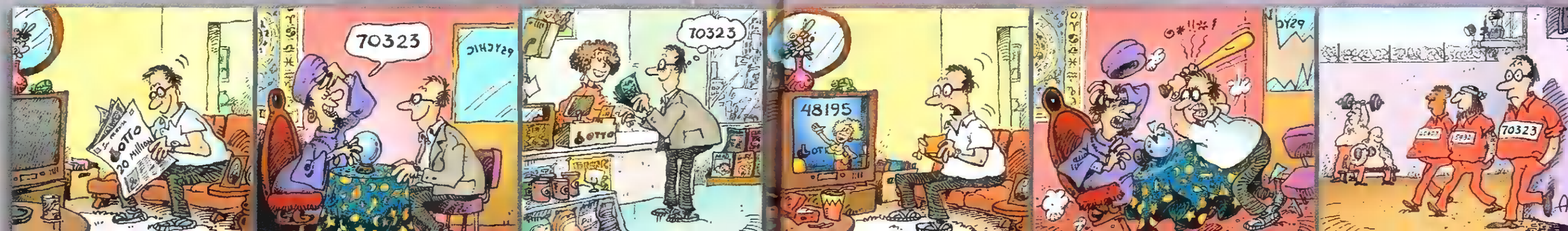
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THE CHAT 'N THE STAT DEPT.

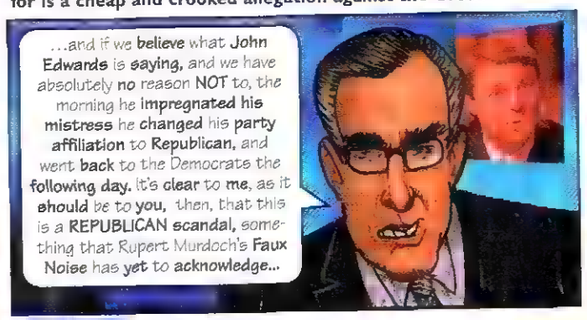
To make a great news show, you need a likeable, knowledgeable host who has a calming, even-handed approach to the news. He should have keen, fresh insights into the events of the day and be able to express them clearly and concisely. But until we find that show...

MAD Deconstructs TV Talk Shows

THIS MONTH: COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN

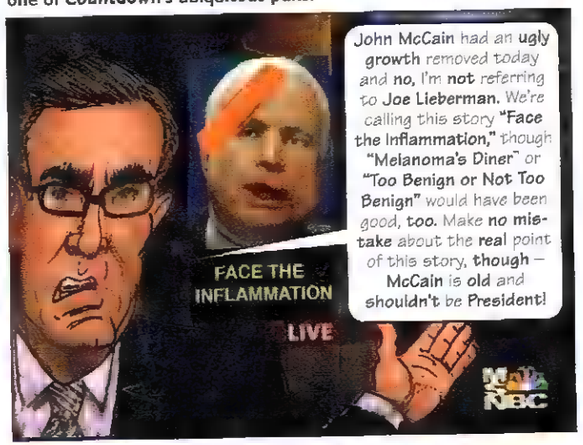
8:00 We hear the first words from Keith Olbermann: "Which of these stories will you be talking about tomorrow?" Chances are it'll be the same ones as yesterday. Because *Countdown* basically only DOES one story. Republicans suck — we get it!

8:01 Time for the lead story. If there's one thing that Keith Olbermann will not stand for, it's a cheap and crooked allegation against a Democrat. *Countdown* schedules time for wronged officials to rebut the newest attacks and provides exhaustive fact-checking to expose the hypocrisy of the Right. Because at the end of the day, the one thing Keith WILL stand for is a cheap and crooked allegation against the G.O.P.

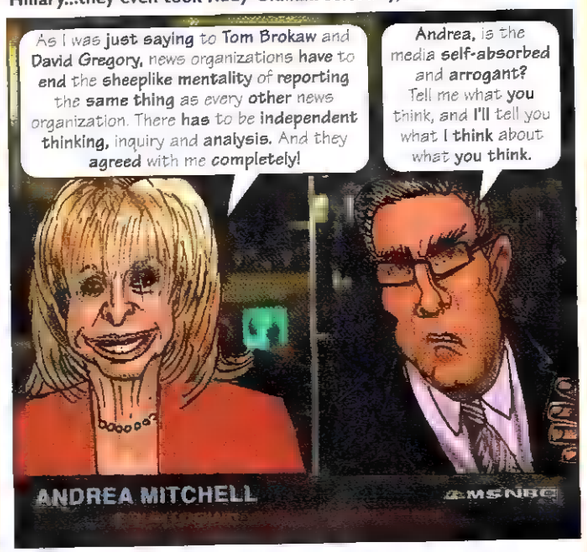

...and if we believe what John Edwards is saying, and we have absolutely no reason NOT to, the morning he impregnated his mistress he changed his party affiliation to Republican, and went back to the Democrats the following day. It's clear to me, as it should be to you, then, that this is a REPUBLICAN scandal, something that Rupert Murdoch's Faux Noise has yet to acknowledge...

8:05 To break up the monotony of Olbermann bitchslapping Republicans all by himself, the first of *Countdown*'s grumbling heads gives *his* view about why the Republicans bite. And what a lineup: a "thinks-the-same-way" MSNBC host, a disgraced Nixon henchman, or a sleepwalking *Newsweek* reporter. The last time we saw balls that big, Indiana Jones was running away from one.

8:11 Olbermann moves on to Story #2, which isn't that different from Story #1. It's kind of like driving from Nebraska to Kansas, in that the landscape is so similar, you're not really sure you've gone anywhere until you spot a road sign. Here, the road sign is a clearly marked "title" to the news story, using one of *Countdown*'s ubiquitous puns.


John McCain had an ugly growth removed today and no, I'm not referring to Joe Lieberman. We're calling this story "Face the Inflammation," though "Melanoma's Diner" or "Too Benign or Not Too Benign" would have been good, too. Make no mistake about the real point of this story, though — McCain is old and shouldn't be President!
FACE THE INFLAMMATION
LIVE
MSNBC

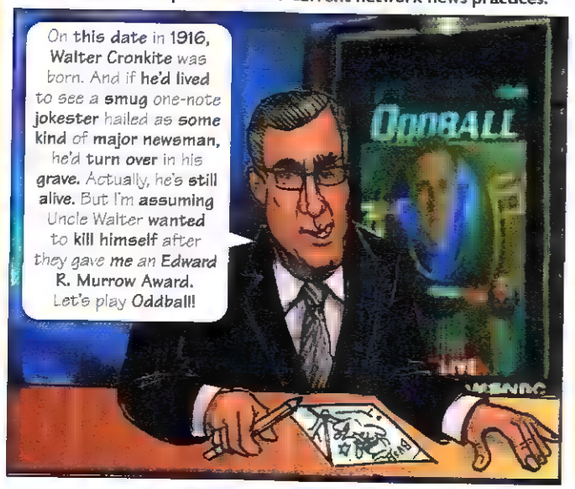
8:16 Keith now lets members of the media give their detailed opinions about how the media gets the details wrong. These are the same talking heads that repeatedly screw up the polling data...they salivated over the way Fred Thompson was going to "shake up" the GOP race...they wrung their hands waiting anxiously for the super-delegates to flip the nomination to Hillary...they even took Rudy Giuliani seriously, for God's sake!


As I was just saying to Tom Brokaw and David Gregory, news organizations have to end the sheeplike mentality of reporting the same thing as every other news organization. There has to be independent thinking, inquiry and analysis. And they agreed with me completely!
Andrea, is the media self-absorbed and arrogant? Tell me what you think, and I'll tell you what I think about what you think.
ANDREA MITCHELL
MSNBC

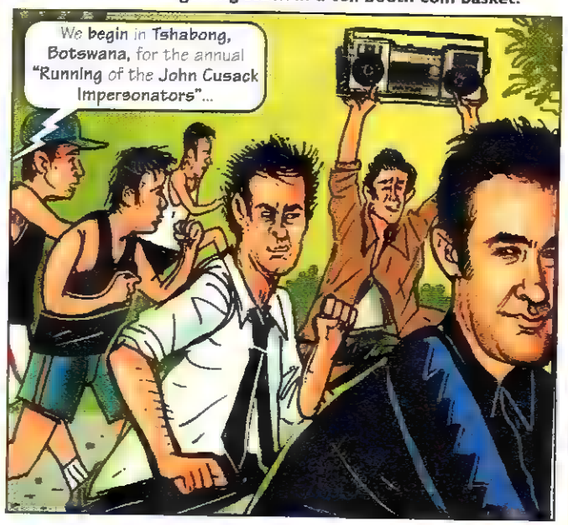
8:23 Next, Olbermann blasts George W. Bush for living in an echo chamber filled with yes men and ignoring outside viewpoints. He does this from a hermetically-sealed television studio in the presence of off-camera MSNBC staffers who chuckle heartily at the same quips they just copy-edited and typed into Keith's teleprompter.

Bush and his cronies may have emptied our nation's treasury, sacrificed the lives of thousands of soldiers and ordered the Justice Department to rubberstamp their crimes, but one thing won't change — those big ears of his!
Hee hee hee!
Ho Ho!

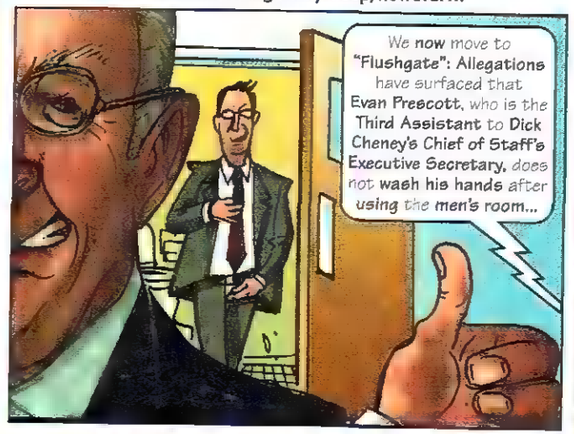
8:29 Keith commemorates something truly noteworthy that happened that day — the birth of Gandhi, or the discovery of the Salk vaccine, or Jackie Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier. This 20-second mention is followed by two full minutes of time-wasting, inconsequential tripe. It's Olbermann's one tip of the hat to current network news practices.


On this date in 1916, Walter Cronkite was born. And if he'd lived to see a smug one-note jokester hailed as some kind of major newsman, he'd turn over in his grave. Actually, he's still alive. But I'm assuming Uncle Walter wanted to kill himself after they gave me an Edward R. Murrow Award. Let's play Oddball!
ODDBALL
MSNBC

8:30 The world isn't really getting weirder, it's just being videotaped more. On the funky footage segment called "Oddball," a boa constrictor is good. A panda is better. A boa constrictor eating a panda is better still. A boa constrictor marrying a panda is a smidge better than that. Whereas a robot boa constrictor fighting a robot panda to the death on a Japanese game show is what we all live for. Because after a bland diet of campaign finance reform flipflops and offshore drilling talking points, viewers need the cleansing sorbet of a shirtless dwarf getting stuck in a toll booth coin basket.



8:33 Next up is the "Bushed" segment, the nightly reveal of scandals plaguing W and company. Presenting a fresh trinity of disgraces every night does push the *Countdown* researchers to dig really deep, however...

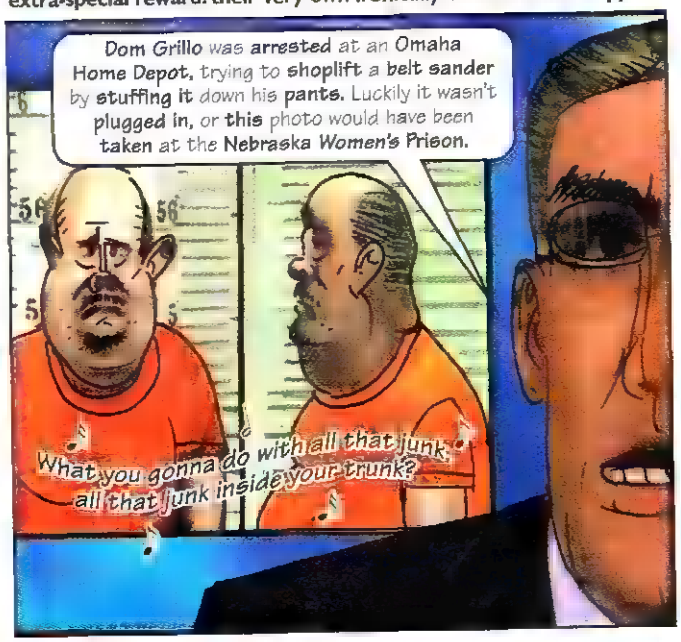

We now move to "Flushgate": Allegations have surfaced that Evan Preecott, who is the Third Assistant to Dick Cheney's Chief of Staff's Executive Secretary, does not wash his hands after using the men's room...

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN
ARTIST: PETER KUPER

THIS MONTH: COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN

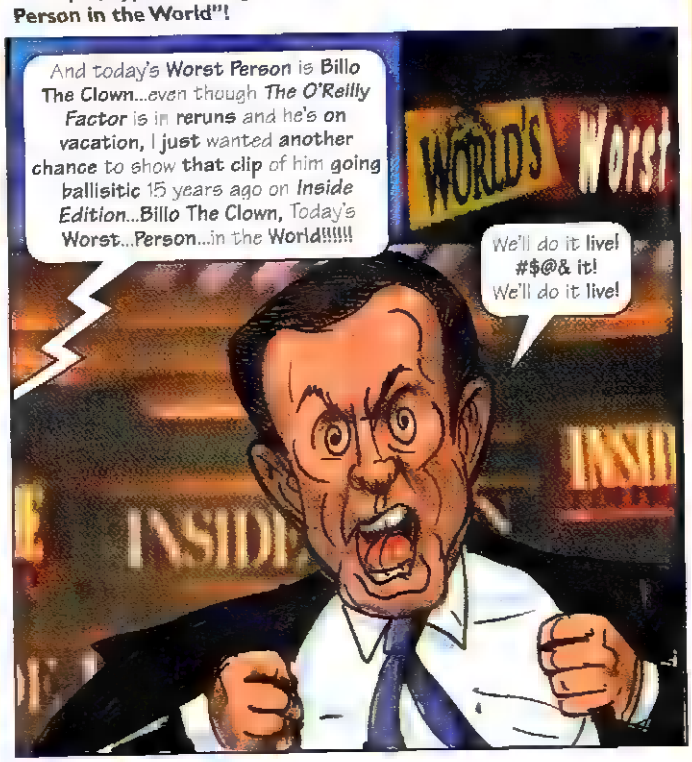
8:40

Olbermann lightens the mood with his "Best Persons in the World" segment, focusing on the mishaps of dumb criminals, drunk criminals, or dumb drunk criminals. (But not the ones who fly on Air Force One.) The final miscreant gets an extra-special reward: their very own ironically-chosen music snippet.


Dom Grillo was arrested at an Omaha Home Depot, trying to shoplift a belt sander by stuffing it down his pants. Luckily it wasn't plugged in, or this photo would have been taken at the Nebraska Women's Prison.
What you gonna do with all that junk, all that junk inside your trunk?

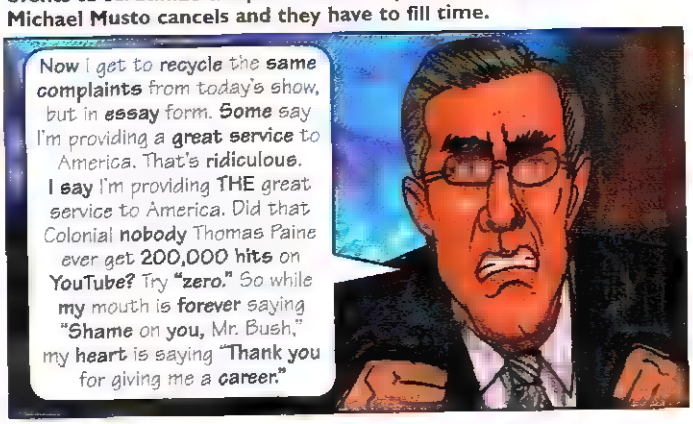
8:48

Rush Limbaugh mocks others. Sean Hannity insults them. Ann Coulter reduces them to simplistic cartoons. There's only one intelligent way to rise above this kind of stupid, hyperbolic Right-Wing rudeness: Call them "The Worst Person in the World"!


And today's Worst Person is Billo The Clown...even though The O'Reilly Factor is in reruns and he's on vacation, I just wanted another chance to show that clip of him going ballisitic 15 years ago on Inside Edition...Billo The Clown, Today's Worst...Person...in the World!!!!!!
WORLD'S WORST
We'll do it live! #$@& it! We'll do it live!
INSIDE

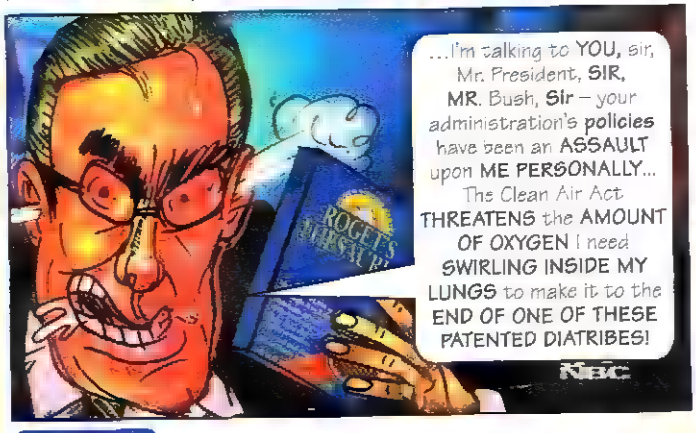
8:50

With scathing multisyllabic anger, Keith Olbermann launches into one of his "Special Comments." These extra-long opinion pieces only appear on the rare occasions when Olbermann is sufficiently moved by the maelstrom of political events to scrutinize the particulars for posterity. Or else when Michael Musto cancels and they have to fill time.


Now I get to recycle the same complaints from today's show, but in essay form. Some say I'm providing a great service to America. That's ridiculous. I say I'm providing THE great service to America. Did that Colonial nobody Thomas Paine ever get 200,000 hits on YouTube? Try "zero." So while my mouth is forever saying "Shame on you, Mr. Bush," my heart is saying "Thank you for giving me a career."

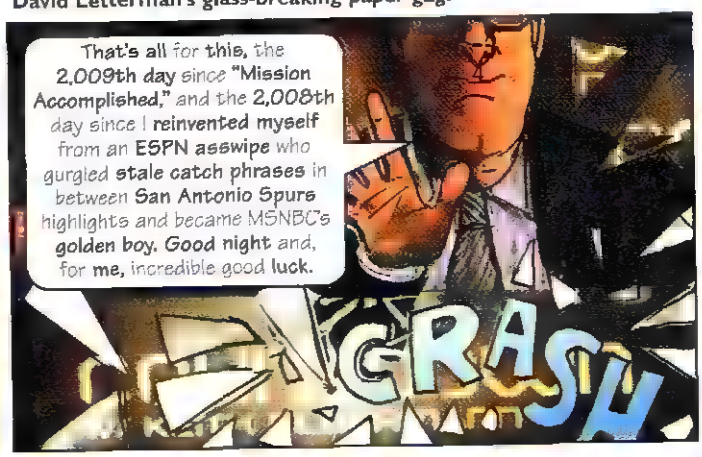
8:58

Eight minutes and six sentences later, the "Special Comment" nears its finish. It's the third densest chunk of words on television, after the "express written consent of major league baseball" disclaimer, and the list of disgusting side effects from boner pills.


...I'm talking to YOU, sir, Mr. President, SIR, MR. Bush, Sir – your administration's policies have been an ASSAULT upon ME PERSONALLY... The Clean Air Act THREATENS the AMOUNT OF OXYGEN I need SWIRLING INSIDE MY LUNGS to make it to the END OF ONE OF THESE PATENTED DIATRIBES!
ROGET'S THESAURUS
NBC

8:59

In one final explosion of egomaniacal klepto-indulgence, Olbermann steals Ted Koppel's "number of days since..." nightly update, Edward R. Murrow's signoff line AND David Letterman's glass-breaking paper gag.


That's all for this, the 2,009th day since "Mission Accomplished," and the 2,008th day since I reinvented myself from an ESPN asswipe who gurgled stale catch phrases in between San Antonio Spurs highlights and became MSNBC's golden boy. Good night and, for me, incredible good luck.
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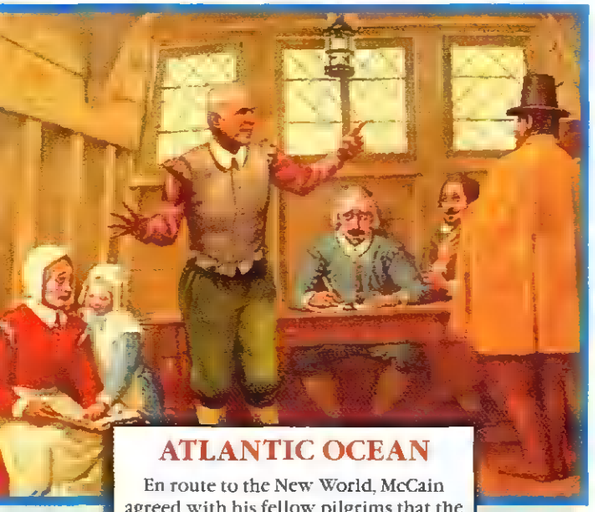
Recently Bill Clinton said, "You could argue that no one is ever ready to be president." And the former Commander-in-Chief may have a point. But experience couldn't hurt in preparing someone for the Oval Office — and that's where John "Ready to lead from day one" McCain really excels. In fact, no presidential candidate in our nation's history has even come close to sporting the GOP nominee's lifetime experiences. To give you all the information necessary before you step into that voting booth, MAD presents...

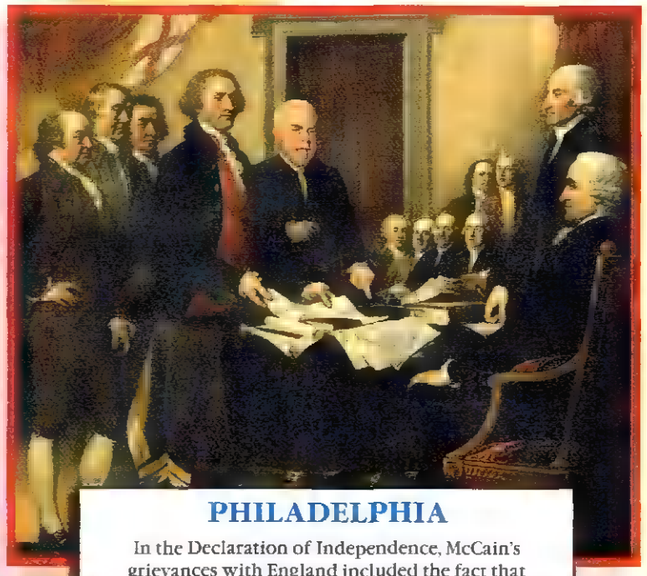
A Look Back AT THE HISTORICAL CAREER of JOHN McCAIN

ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER



1620 — ATLANTIC OCEAN

En route to the New World, McCain agreed with his fellow pilgrims that the natives would greet them as liberators.

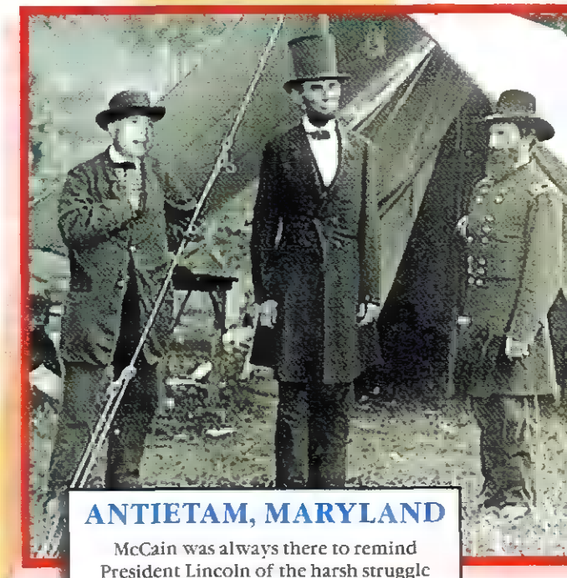


1776 — PHILADELPHIA

In the Declaration of Independence, McCain's grievances with England included the fact that King George III was "the biggest celebrity in the world."

1805 — LOUISIANA TERRITORY

McCain's scouting skills were invaluable to the Lewis and Clark expedition.

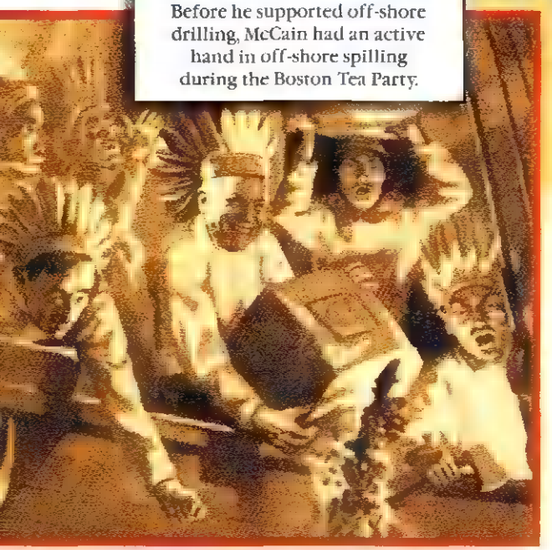


1862 — ANTIETAM, MARYLAND

McCain was always there to remind President Lincoln of the harsh struggle on the Pennsylvania/Georgia border.

1773 — BOSTON HARBOR

Before he supported off-shore drilling, McCain had an active hand in off-shore spilling during the Boston Tea Party.

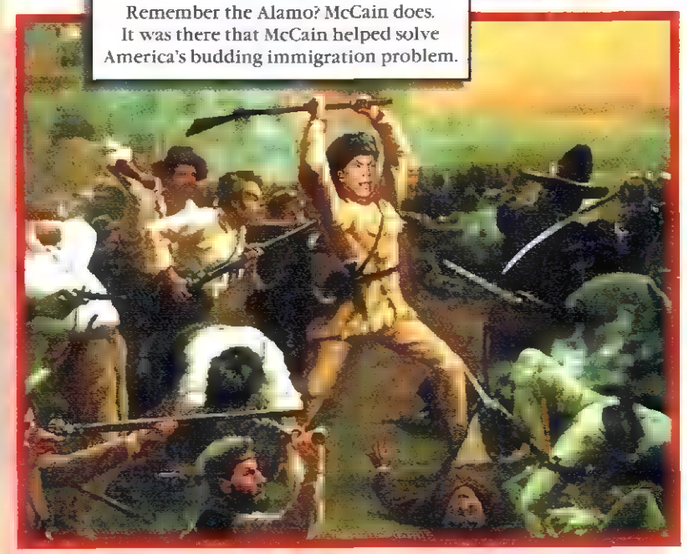


1777 — PHILADELPHIA

McCain was the first to ask for Betsy Ross' American flag design in pin form.

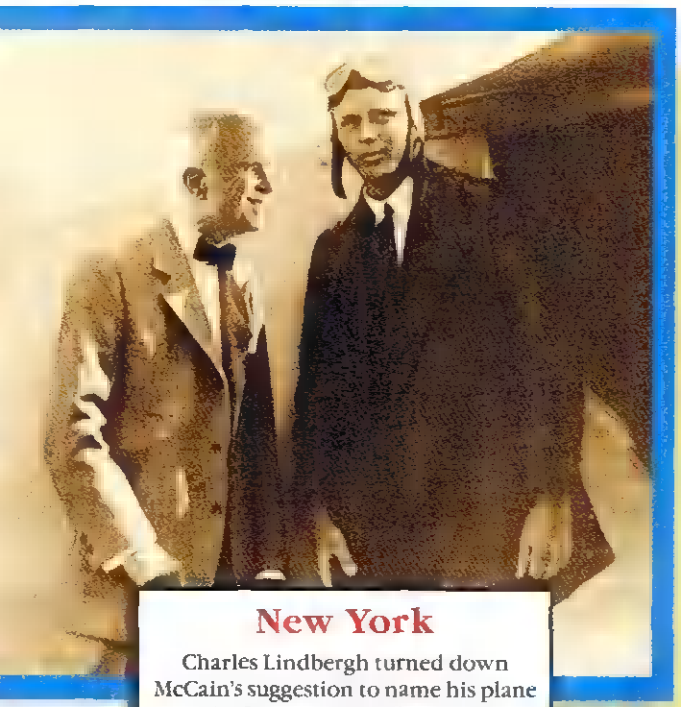
1836 — TEXAS

Remember the Alamo? McCain does. It was there that McCain helped solve America's budding immigration problem.



1882 — MAINE

Even in the early days of photography, McCain saw the power of photo-ops with war veterans.



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Charles Lindbergh turned down McCain's suggestion to name his plane "The Straight Talk of St. Louis."

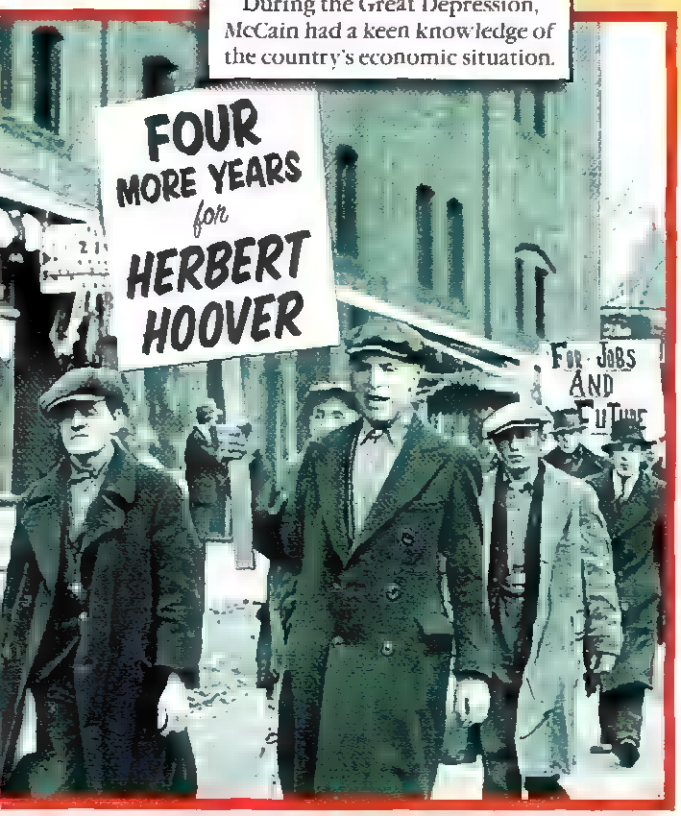
New York

McCain has always been a friend of the working man.

1927 1930 1932 1945

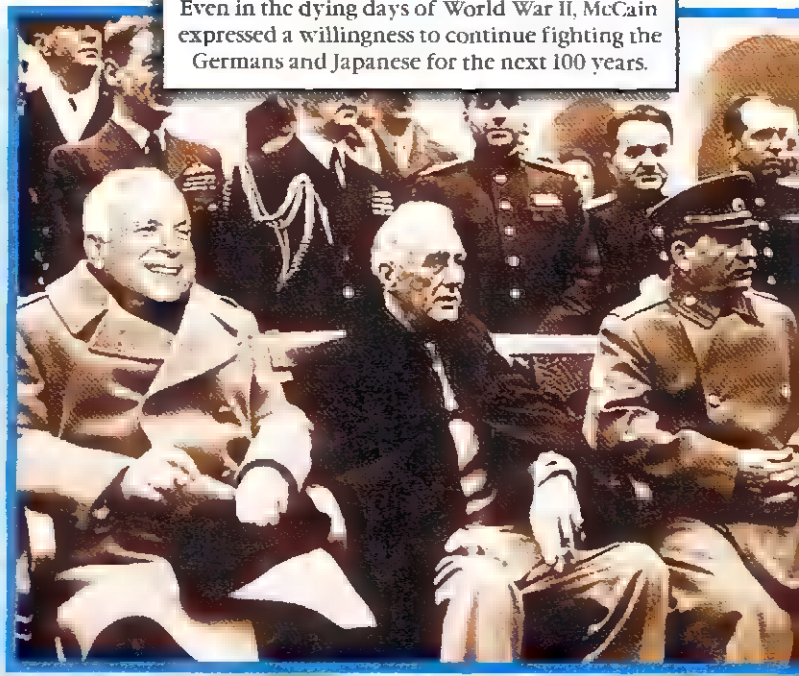
Washington, DC

During the Great Depression, McCain had a keen knowledge of the country's economic situation.



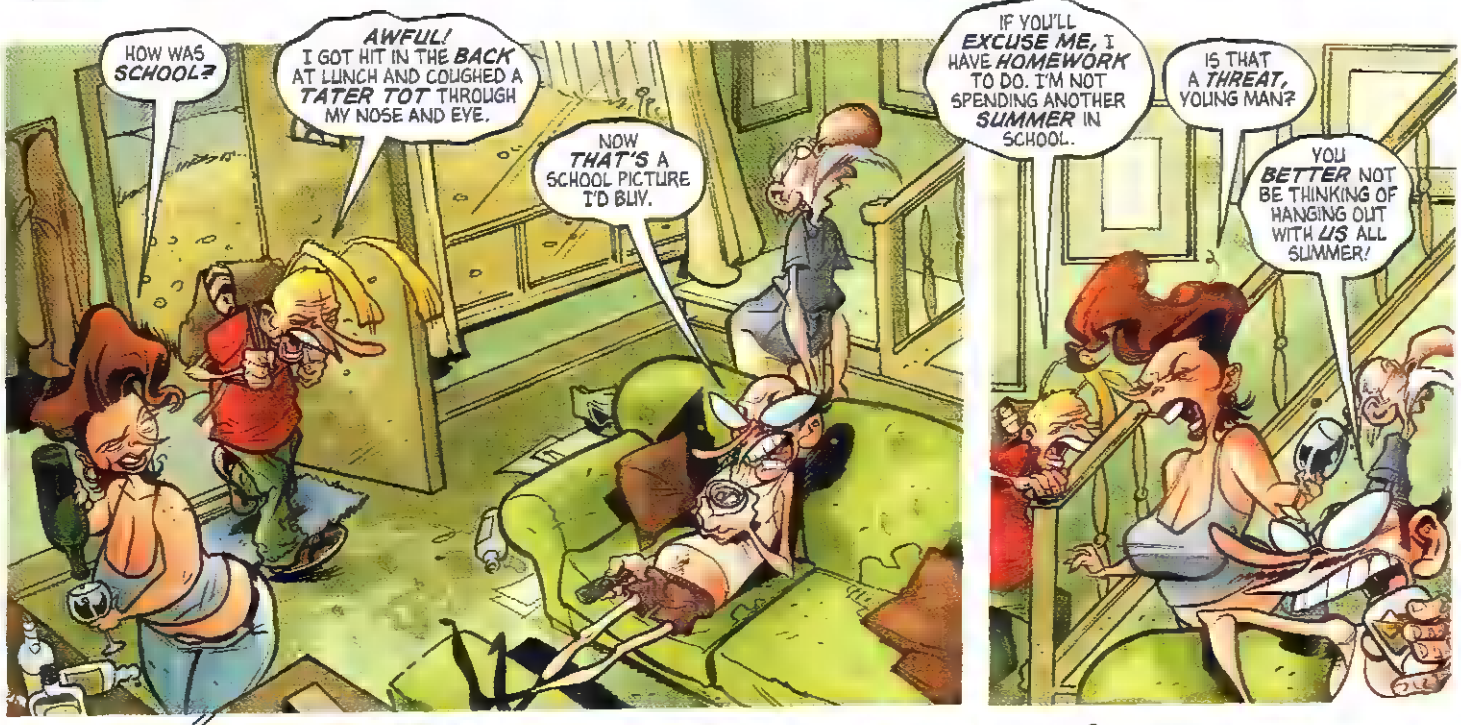
Yalta

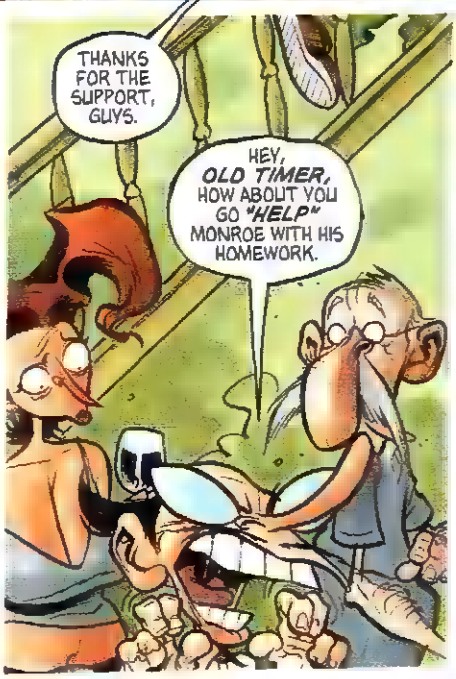
Even in the dying days of World War II, McCain expressed a willingness to continue fighting the Germans and Japanese for the next 100 years.



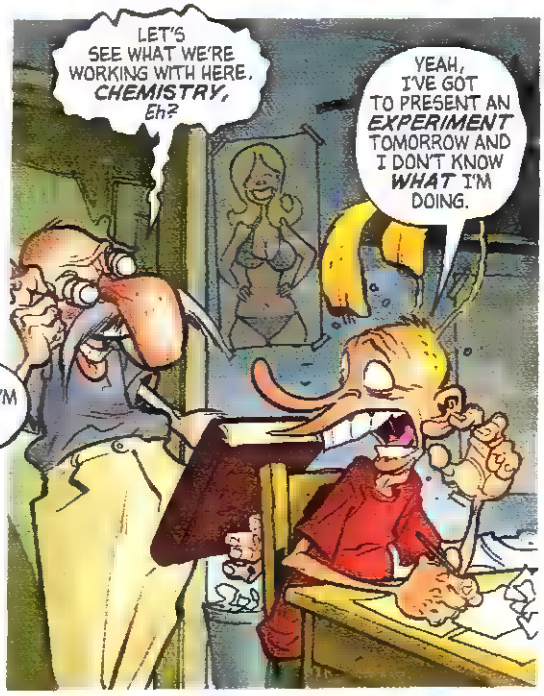
Lower the government's National Threat Level to green! Its...

MONROE and... Domestic Terror


HOW WAS SCHOOL?
AWFUL! I GOT HIT IN THE BACK AT LUNCH AND COUGHED A TATER TOT THROUGH MY NOSE AND EYE.
NOW THAT'S A SCHOOL PICTURE I'D BUY.
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE HOMEWORK TO DO. I'M NOT SPENDING ANOTHER SUMMER IN SCHOOL.
IS THAT A THREAT, YOUNG MAN?
YOU BETTER NOT BE THINKING OF HANGING OUT WITH US ALL SUMMER!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HIS MEDS HAVEN'T KICKED IN YET. THIS IS HIS "MIXED-UP NOGGIN" HOUR OF THE DAY.
Heh Heh — THAT'S WHAT I'M COUNTING ON.


LET'S SEE WHAT WE'RE WORKING WITH HERE. CHEMISTRY, Eh?
YEAH, I'VE GOT TO PRESENT AN EXPERIMENT TOMORROW AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.

WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI ARTIST: TOM FOWLER COLORIST: CARL PETERSON

WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL I GOT STRAIGHT A'S IN CHEMISTRY. AND BACK THEN WE DIDN'T NEED ALL THESE FANCY PANTS INGREDIENTS, EITHER.

WHADAYA MEAN?

SODIUM CHLORIDE? THAT'S JUST TABLE SALT.

REALLY? WOW!

CHLORINE FORMALDEHYDE. Bah. JUST USE FABRIC SOFTENER AND CHEESE.

REALLY? COOL! ANYTHING ELSE?

YOU BETCHA! LET ME JUST TAKE ANOTHER THINKING PILL.

TAKE TWO. IT'S MY FINAL LAB EXAM.

SCREW IT, LET'S GET CREATIVE!

THE NEXT DAY...

WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR US, MONROE?

IT'S A COMPOUND I'M WORKING ON. I CALL IT THE "BATHROOM SINK."

AND WE ADD THE LAST TWO BOTTLES AND...

BOOM!

20 MINUTES LATER...

MONROE? HE'S WAKING UP!

WHAT HAPPENED?

YOUR "BATHROOM SINK" EXPLODED. WHAT WAS IN THERE?

LOTS OF STUFF — CREST WHITE STRIPS, DRANO, AMBIEN, ROGAINE FOAM...

WELL, THE ROGAINE FOAM® WOULD EXPLAIN THE SIDEBURNS.

COOL.

NOT SO "COOL" FOR THE GIRLS.

Uh oh.

YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE, MONROE. WE CALLED YOUR PARENTS. THEY'RE COMING TO PICK YOU UP.

THAT'S OKAY, I CAN WALK HOME. I HAVE A GRANDPA TO EUTHANIZE.

YOU ALMOST KILLED ME, OLD MAN!

YOU'RE JUST UPSET BECAUSE YOU MISSED BARBERSHOP QUARTET PRACTICE.

VERY FUNNY. THANKS TO GRANDPA, MY CHEMISTRY HOMEWORK BLEW UP THE CLASSROOM.

PROBABLY TOO MUCH DAYQUIL.

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK!

OPEN UP, IT'S THE FBI!

I'LL JUST HEAD OUT THE BACK. SEE YOU IN A FEW WEEKS.

YOUR MOM HAS SOME UNRESOLVED ISSUES WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

I BET.

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK!

GOOD AFTERNOON. WE'RE LOOKING FOR MONROE. HIS PRINCIPAL CALLED HOMELAND SECURITY AND TOLD US HE LIVED HERE.

Uh... NO SPEAK ENGLISH?

THEN SAY "ADIOS," KID.

LISTEN, KID, THIS IS SERIOUS TIME! WHY WERE YOU TRYING TO BLOW UP THE SCHOOL, MONROE?

WHAT!! ARE YOU TOTALLY HIGH? I WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

IS THAT RIGHT? THEN YOU LIKE SCHOOL?

NO, I HATE SCHOOL WITH EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING!

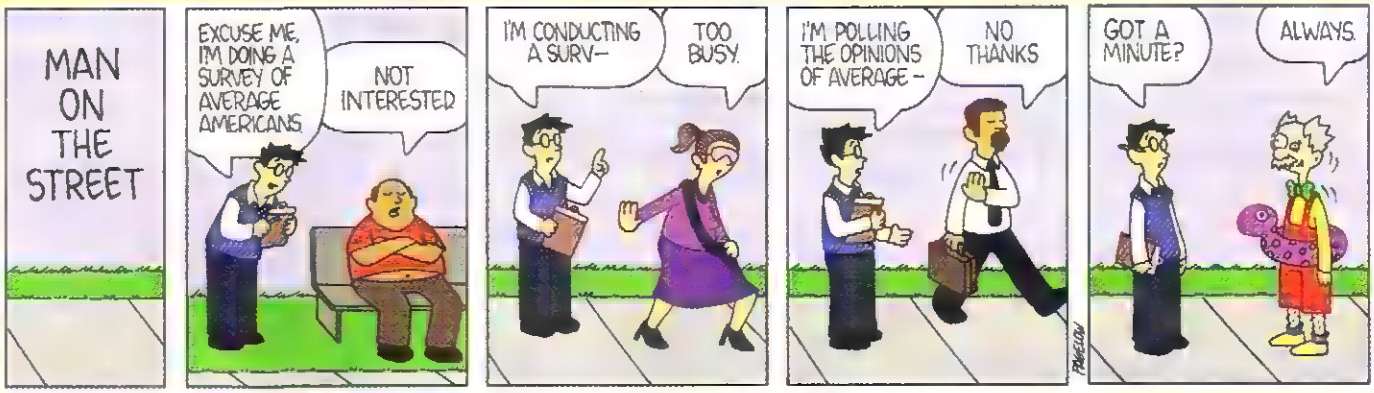
IS THAT SO? YOU GETTING ALL THIS ON TAPE, HARRY?

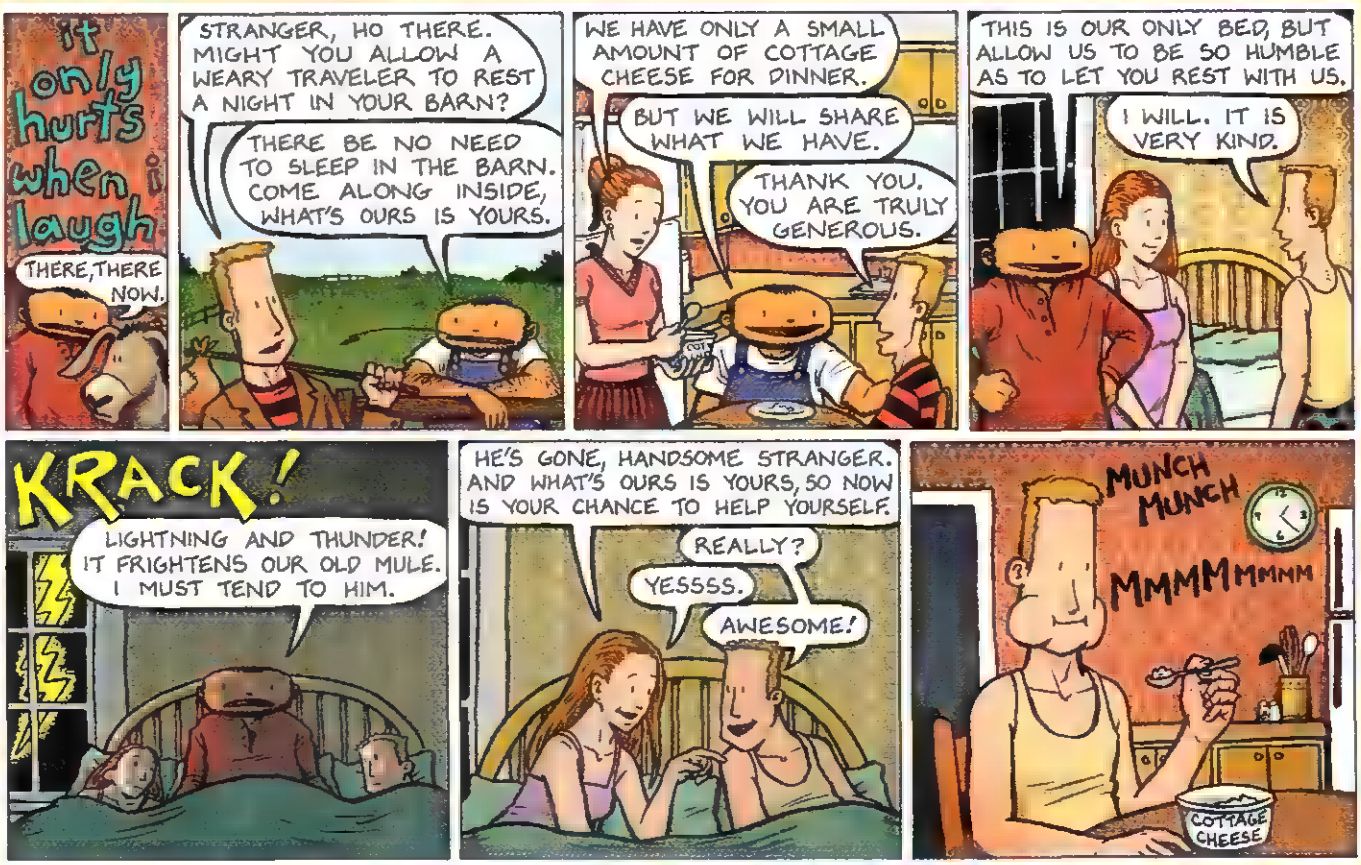
GOT IT! I THINK IT'S TIME OUR LITTLE TERRORIST SPENT SOME TIME WITH GUSTAVO IN OUR SPECIAL INTERROGATION CHAMBER.

FBI

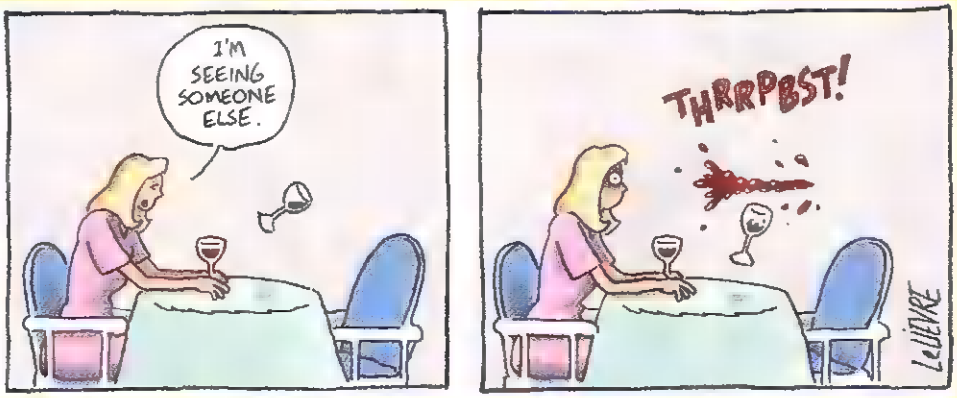
AN HOUR LATER...
SO, HOW YOU LIKING WATER-BOARDING? eh?!
NOT GREAT, GUSTAVO, BUT I TELL YA, IT'S NOT HALF AS BAD AS ONE OF DYLAN'S TOILET HEAD-PLUNGINGS.
WHU? YEAH, WELL HERE'S ANOTHER DUNK. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE A BATH.
36 HOURS LATER...
HOW DID YOU LIKE THE HOLE?
COMPARED TO SPENDING AN ENTIRE SPRING BREAK STUFFED IN A LOCKER, IT WAS A PIECE OF CAKE.
72 HOURS LATER...
WE'VE KEPT YOU UP FOR THREE STRAIGHT DAYS, NOW ARE YOU WILLING TO PLAY BALL?
HAS IT BEEN THREE DAYS ALREADY? REMINDS ME OF LAST LABOR DAY WEEKEND WHEN MY PARENTS WENT ON A MOJITO BENDER.
SO I CAN GO?
YES, GUSTAVO SAYS THE ONLY THREAT YOU POSE IS TO PEOPLE'S SANITY.
EXCELLENT. CATCH YOU GUYS LATER. BYE, GUSTAVO.
MONROE, WHAT HAPPENED?
TURNS OUT THEY COULDN'T TORTURE ME AS MUCH AS MY REGULAR LIFE COULD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY THOUGHT I WAS A THREAT.
THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT YOU'VE TAKEN ALL THAT TORMENT AND INSTEAD OF UNLEASHING IT ON THE WORLD...
I BURROW IT RIGHT BACK INTO MYSELF.
THAT'S MY MONROE.
SHOULD WE CALL MOM AND TELL HER SHE CAN COME HOME?
SURE, IN A MONTH! BOYS' NIGHT OUT!
THAT'S RIGHT. WE'RE CELEBRATING.
GETTING OUT OF PRISON?
AND GOING BACK TO SUMMER SCHOOL.
GREAT. THANKS FOR THAT, POP.

THE STRIP CLUB




it only hurts when i laugh
THERE, THERE NOW.
STRANGER, HO THERE. MIGHT YOU ALLOW A WEARY TRAVELER TO REST A NIGHT IN YOUR BARN?
THERE BE NO NEED TO SLEEP IN THE BARN. COME ALONG INSIDE, WHAT'S OURS IS YOURS.
WE HAVE ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF COTTAGE CHEESE FOR DINNER.
BUT WE WILL SHARE WHAT WE HAVE.
THANK YOU. YOU ARE TRULY GENEROUS.
THIS IS OUR ONLY BED, BUT ALLOW US TO BE SO HUMBLE AS TO LET YOU REST WITH US.
I WILL. IT IS VERY KIND.
KRACK!
LIGHTNING AND THUNDER! IT FRIGHTENS OUR OLD MULE. I MUST TEND TO HIM.
HE'S GONE, HANDSOME STRANGER. AND WHAT'S OURS IS YOURS, SO NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP YOURSELF.
REALLY?
YESSSS.
AWESOME!
MUNCH MUNCH
MMMMMMMM
COTTAGE CHEESE
CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN

HOW TO DUMP AN INVISIBLE MAN!

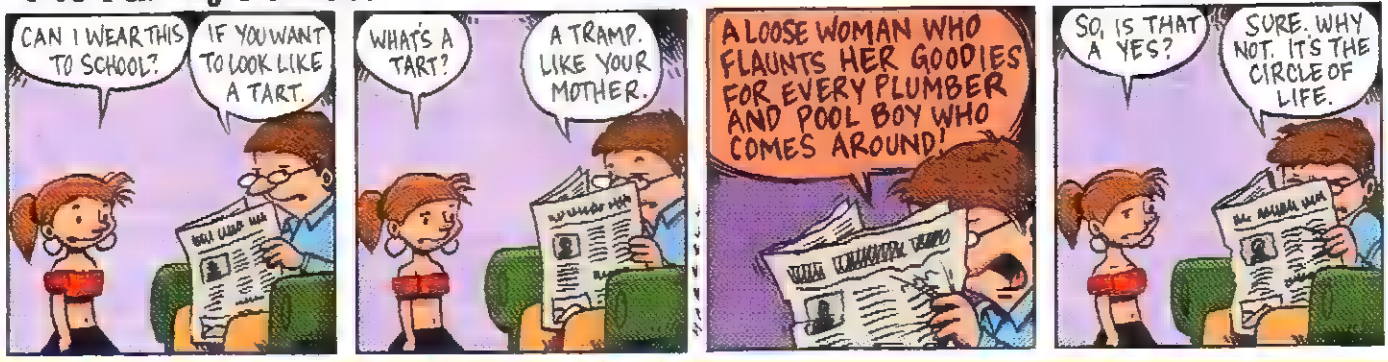


GLEN LELIEVRE

THE MACHINE THAT TRAVELS THROUGH TIME
30 seconds for popcorn?! I can't wait that long!
POPCORN
I wonder what life is like in the year 10,000...
What the...where's the city? What happened?
YIKES! A DINOSAUR!
huff puff!
Oh man. That was close. What's going on? *huff puff* This doesn't seem like the future.
Hey, more people! They'll tell me what happened to Earth.
Whoa! Cavemen.
Um...excuse me... I'm from the past and I traveled here, and, um, oh yeah, I guess you don't speak English...
tap tap
Oh no! I killed him!
What have I done? I'm a murderer!
-wah!
Glanzax, why is that strange man crying in the caveman exhibit?
PREHISTORIC FUN LAND
wah!

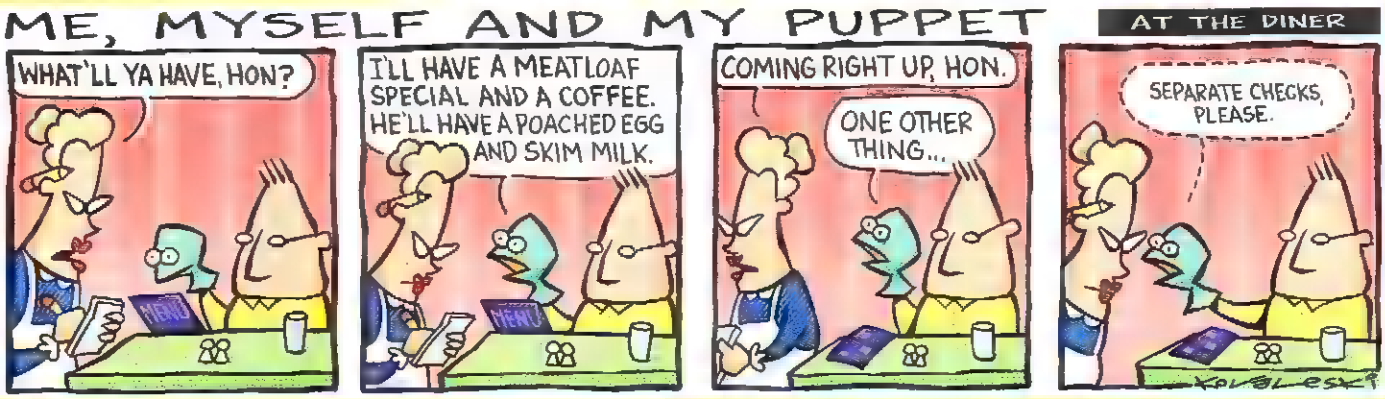
JOEY SAYERS

The Family Follies!


CAN I WEAR THIS TO SCHOOL?
IF YOU WANT TO LOOK LIKE A TART.
WHAT'S A TART?
A TRAMP. LIKE YOUR MOTHER.
A LOOSE WOMAN WHO FLAUNTS HER GOODIES FOR EVERY PLUMBER AND POOL BOY WHO COMES AROUND!
SO, IS THAT A YES?
SURE. WHY NOT. IT'S THE CIRCLE OF LIFE.

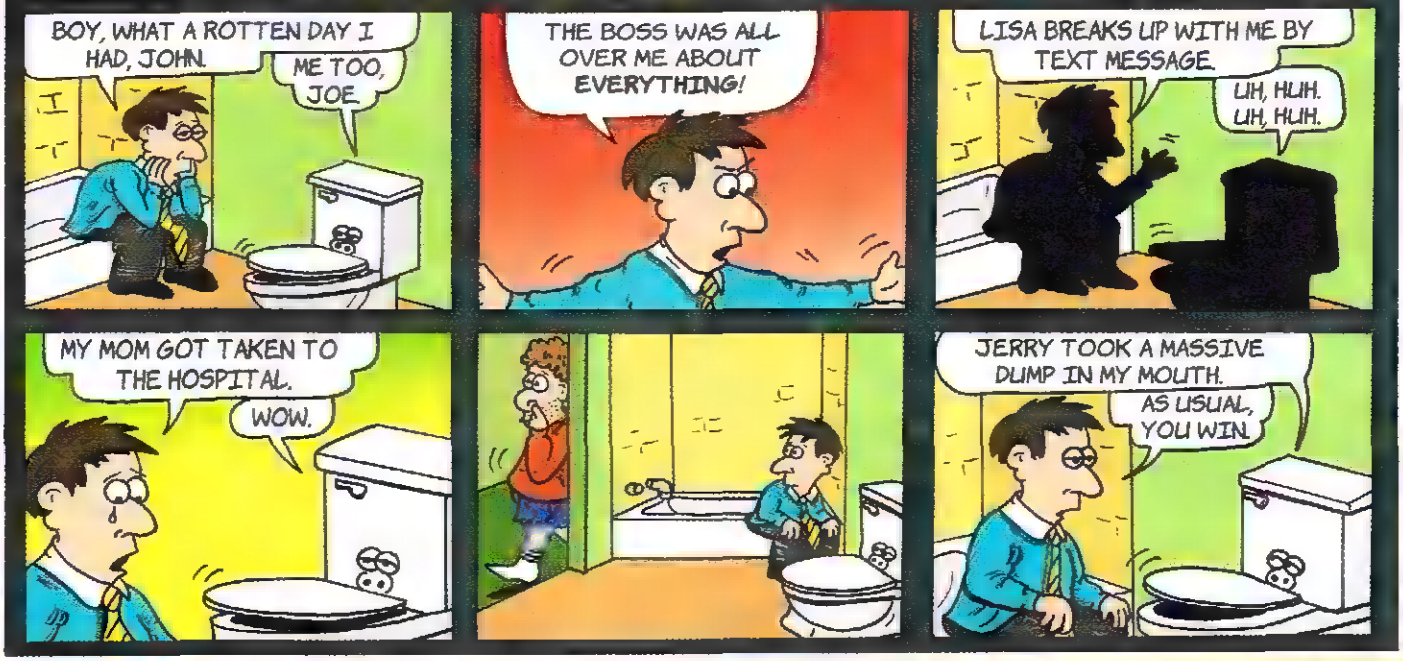
ROB HARRELL

ME, MYSELF AND MY PUPPET


WHAT'LL YA HAVE, HON?
I'LL HAVE A MEATLOAF SPECIAL AND A COFFEE. HE'LL HAVE A POACHED EGG AND SKIM MILK.
COMING RIGHT UP, HON.
ONE OTHER THING...
AT THE DINER
SEPARATE CHECKS, PLEASE.

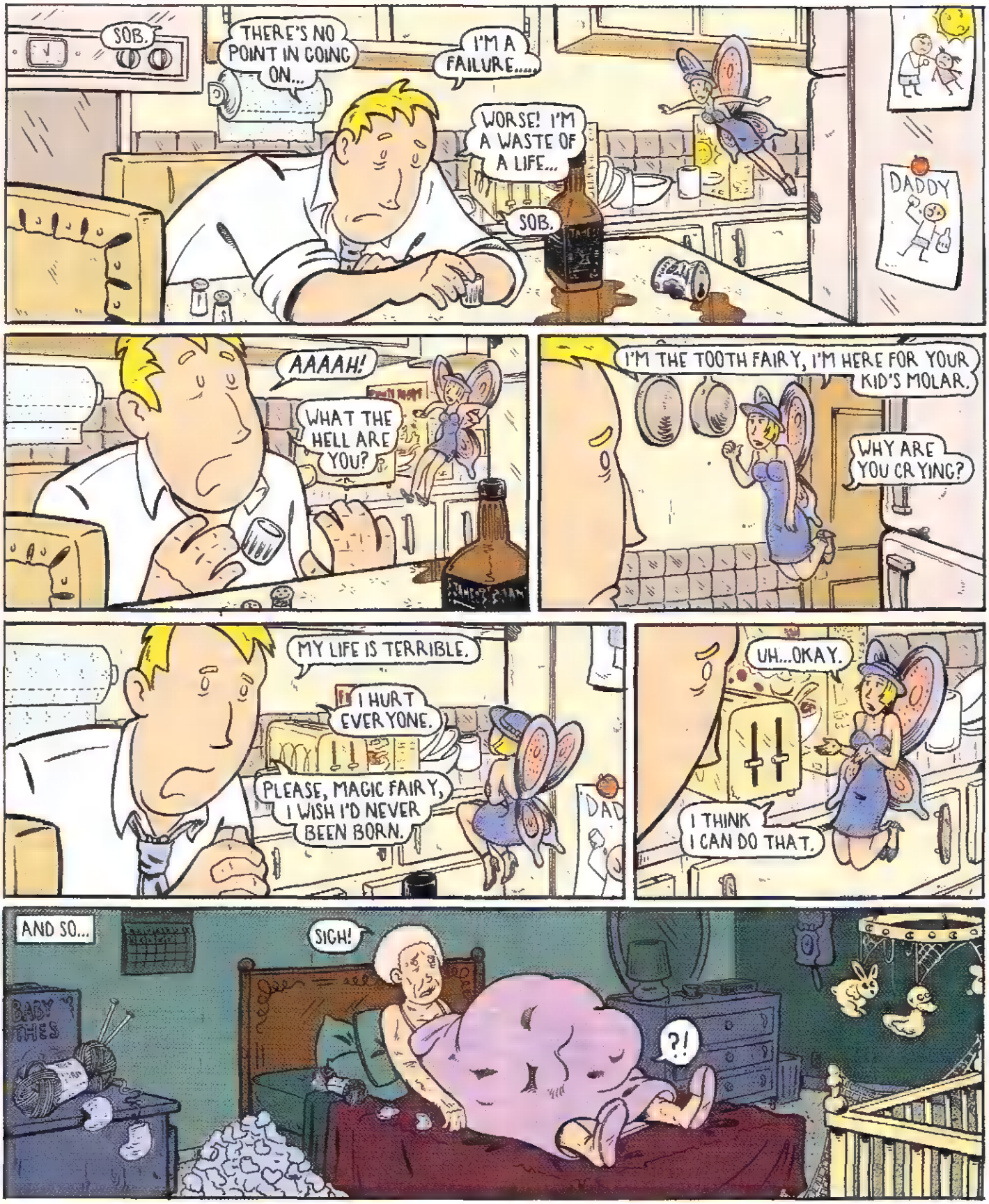
JOHN KOVALESKI

THE ROOMMATES: JOHN, JOE AND JERRY

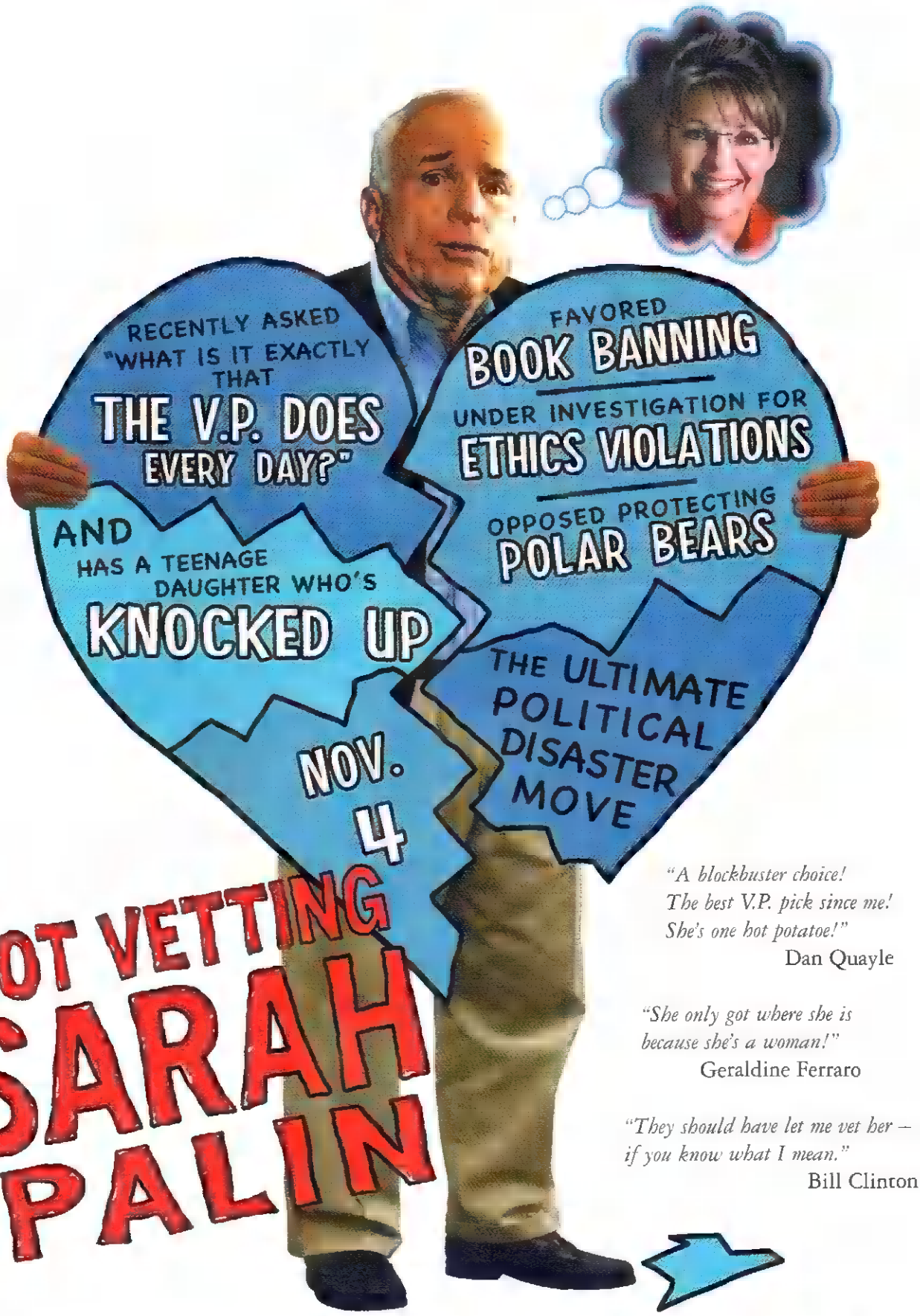

BOY, WHAT A ROTTEN DAY I HAD, JOHN.
ME TOO, JOE.
THE BOSS WAS ALL OVER ME ABOUT EVERYTHING!
LISA BREAKS UP WITH ME BY TEXT MESSAGE.
LIH, HLIH. LIH, HLIH.
MY MOM GOT TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.
WOW.
JERRY TOOK A MASSIVE DUMP IN MY MOUTH.
AS USUAL, YOU WIN.

TODD CLARK

JUST BELOW THE SURFACE



DOUGLAS PASZKIEWICZ


RECENTLY ASKED "WHAT IS IT EXACTLY THAT THE V.P. DOES EVERY DAY?"
FAVORED BOOK BANNING
UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ETHICS VIOLATIONS
AND HAS A TEENAGE DAUGHTER WHO'S KNOCKED UP
OPPOSED PROTECTING POLAR BEARS
THE ULTIMATE POLITICAL DISASTER MOVE
NOV. 4
NOT VETTING SARAH PALIN

"A blockbuster choice! The best V.P. pick since me! She's one hot potatoe!"
Dan Quayle

"She only got where she is because she's a woman!"
Geraldine Ferraro

"They should have let me vet her – if you know what I mean."
Bill Clinton

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESENTS A JOHN MCCAIN PRODUCTION "NOT VETTING SARAH PALIN"
STARRING JOHN MCCAIN AS THE "MAVERICK" INTIMIDATED BY THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT
SARAH PALIN AS THE VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE WHO JUST GOT HER PASSPORT THREE MONTHS AGO
FEATURING SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN AS "TWO-FACE"

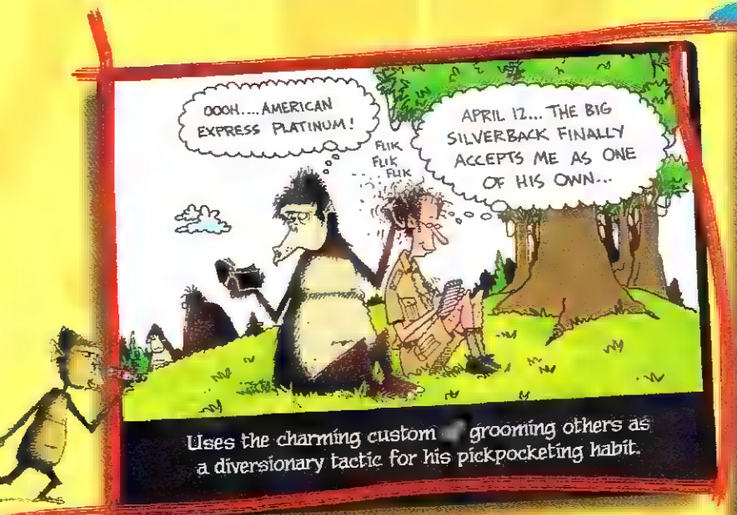
RATED PG PANDERING TO GENDER VOTERS

A MAD POLITICAL POSTER

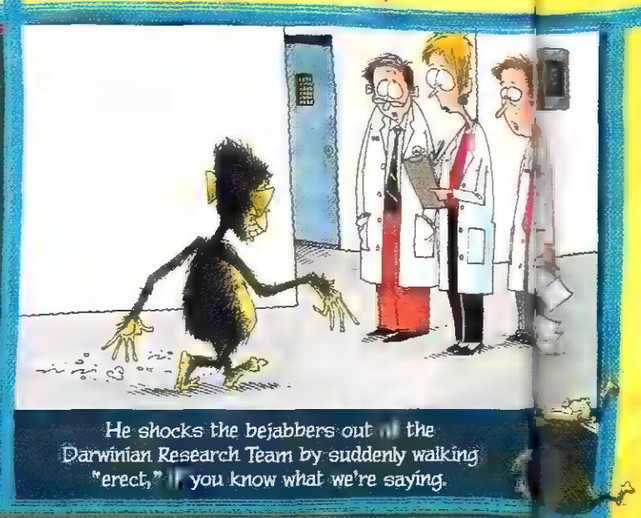
THE APES OF WRATH DEPT.

Maybe it's because of a bad upbringing, a history of drug abuse or traces of zebra dung in the water supply. Whatever the cause, it's not pretty to watch and has the potential to make entire species turn against each other. Here's what happens...

When Monkeys Go BAD



Uses the charming custom of grooming others as a diversionary tactic for his pickpocketing habit.

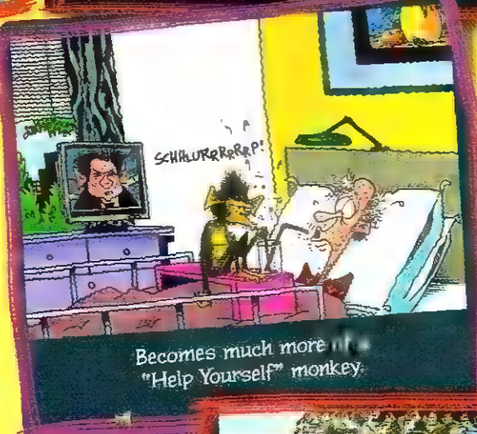

He shocks the bejabbers out of the Darwinian Research Team by suddenly walking "erect," if you know what we're saying.

Plays a cruel game of "keepaway" with his master.

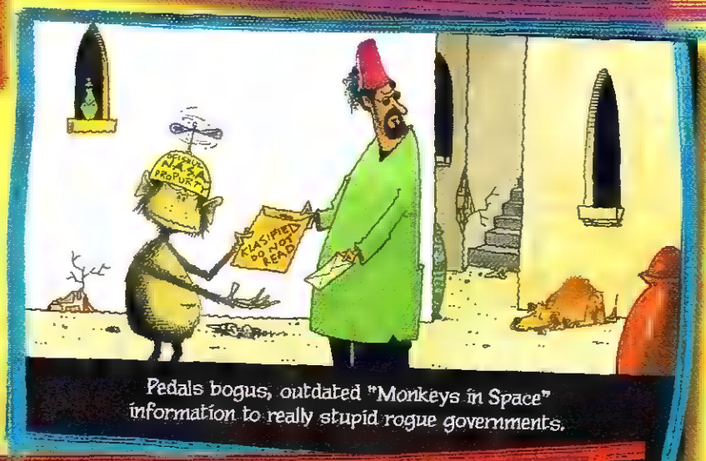
He pens a tell-all memoir that paints Tarzan in a really bad light.

Practices inappropriate use of the prehensile tail.

Incidences of banana peel-related "accidents" become much more commonplace.

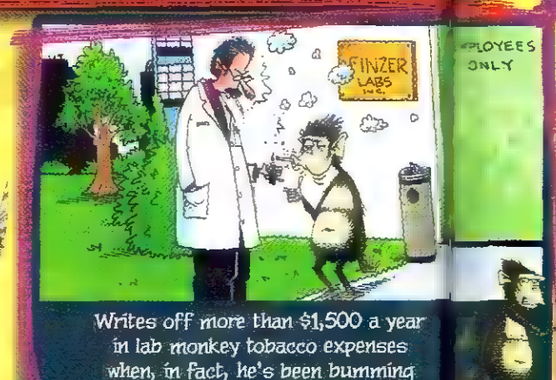


Becomes much more of a "Help Yourself" monkey.

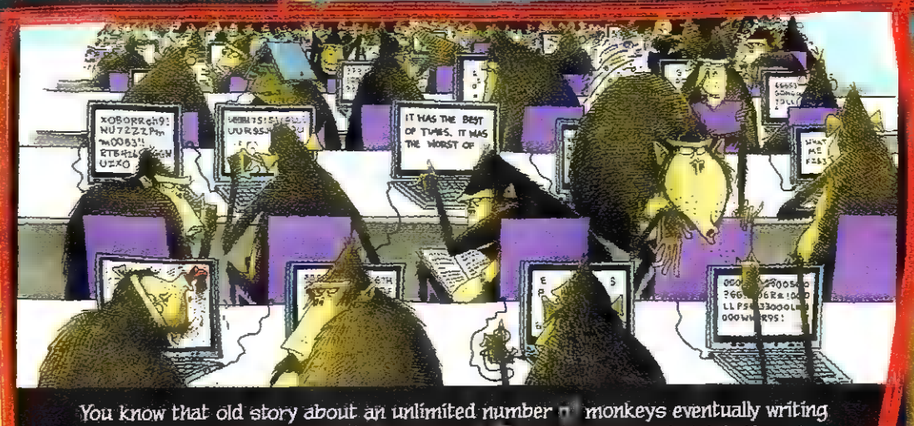


Pedals bogus, outdated "Monkeys in Space" information to really stupid rogue governments.

After six months of study, the only sign language he retains is that which he learned from Vito the maintenance guy.

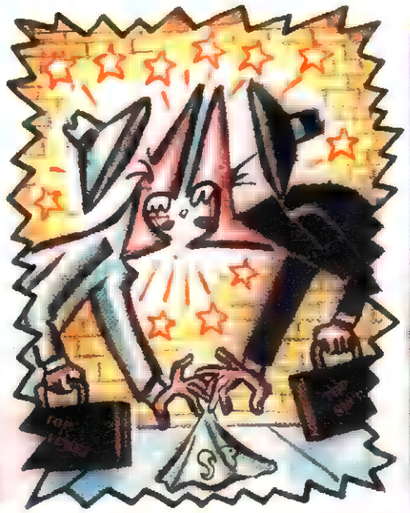


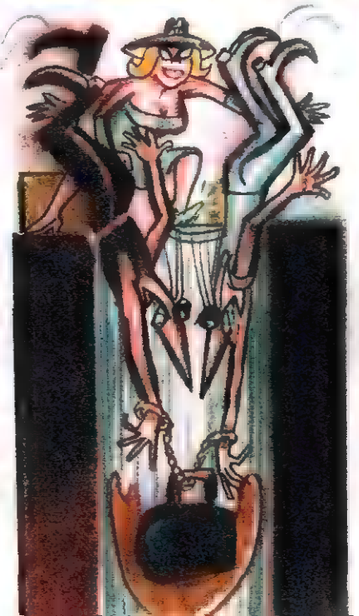
Writes off more than $1,500 a year in lab monkey tobacco expenses when, in fact, he's been bumming his smokes since 2003.



You know that old story about an unlimited number of monkeys eventually writing a great novel? Well, it happens a lot sooner if you throw a plagiarist in the mix.

WRITER AND ARTIST: JOHN CALDWELL



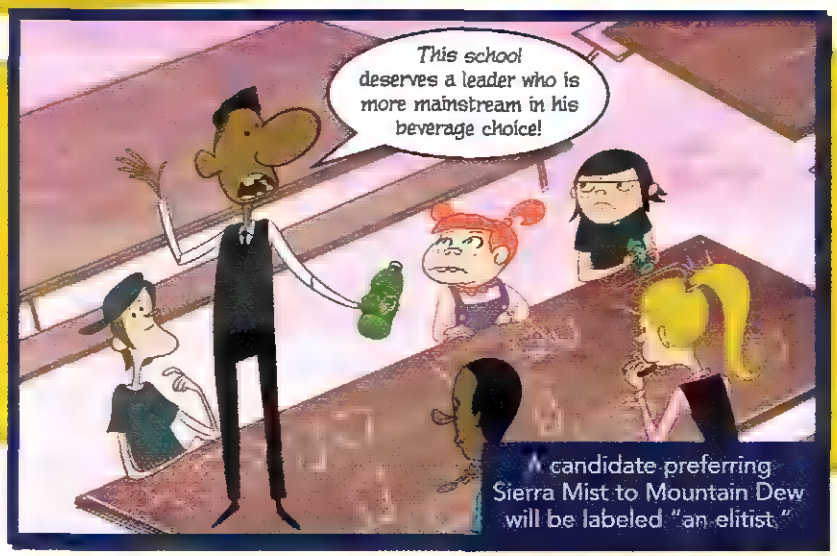


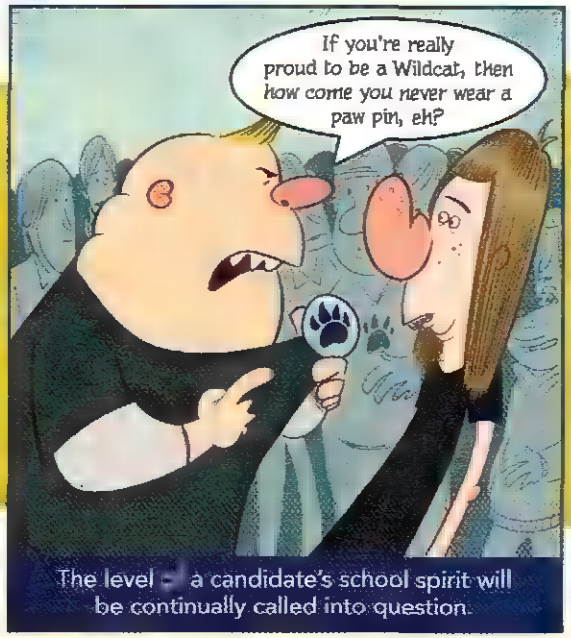
WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER

KUPER

The road to the White House is paved with wild accusations and vicious name-calling. The halls of high school also house their share of rumors and taunts, but for some reason, class elections are relatively civil (except, of course, for an occasional pantsing). With all eyes on election coverage this year, the dirty and despicable tactics used in the presidential race are bound to inspire the political hopefuls running for student government. Here's what to expect...

WHEN HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIONS ARE RUN LIKE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

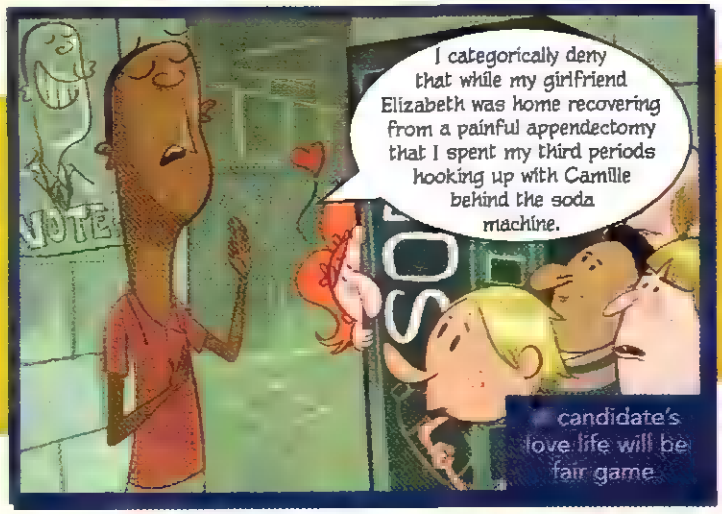

This school deserves a leader who is more mainstream in his beverage choice!
A candidate preferring Sierra Mist to Mountain Dew will be labeled "an elitist."

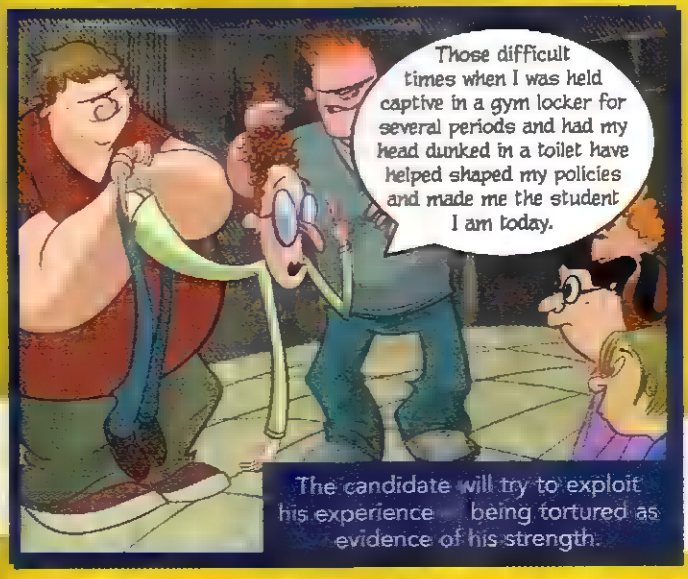

If you're really proud to be a Wildcat, then how come you never wear a paw pin, eh?
The level of a candidate's school spirit will be continually called into question.

Unlike my opponent, if I was told by the coach that I couldn't visit those injured running backs, and I was there and wanted to be there, I guarantee you, there would have been a seismic event. Go Cougars!
A candidate will be severely criticized by his opponent for claiming to support the football team but failing to visit injured players after a big game.

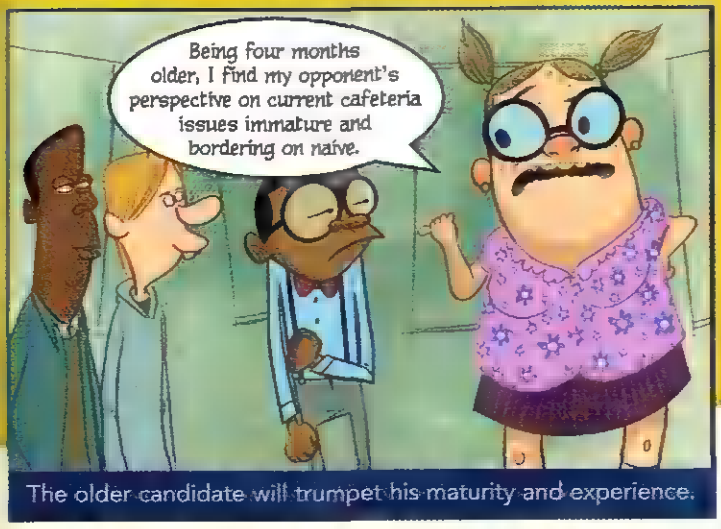
When the prom-planning committee calls with a decorations crisis, you want the person answering that call to be tested and ready to lead in a dangerous world.
A candidate will question her opponent's ability to handle a 3 A.M. phone call.

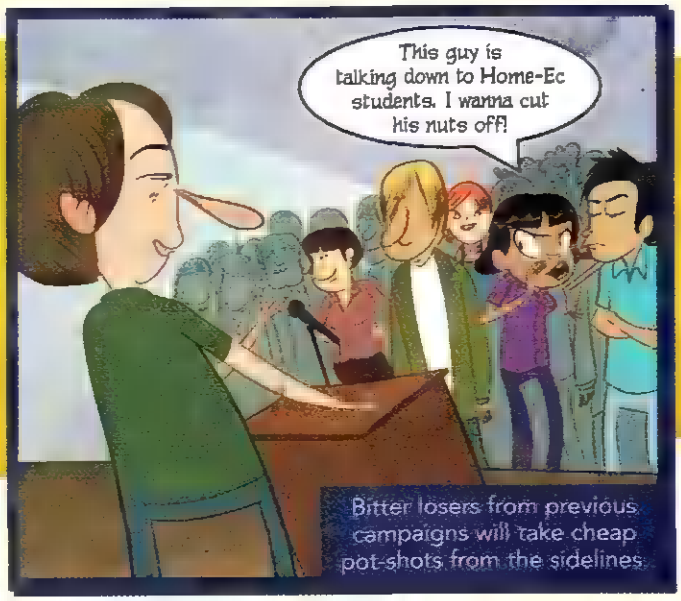
It's clear from my opponent's support of a 200% increase in the budget for new sticks, that he's in the pocket of "Big Ice Hockey."
candidate will point out his rival's ties to "special interest groups."


I categorically deny that while my girlfriend Elizabeth was home recovering from a painful appendectomy that I spent my third periods hooking up with Camille behind the soda machine.
candidate's love life will be fair game


Those difficult times when I was held captive in a gym locker for several periods and had my head dunked in a toilet have helped shaped my policies and made me the student I am today.
The candidate will try to exploit his experience being tortured as evidence of his strength.

Ich bin ein Grover Cleveland student!
In an effort to bolster his image as an "experienced and respected leader," a candidate will go on a multi-city speaking tour of other high schools.


Being four months older, I find my opponent's perspective on current cafeteria issues immature and bordering on naive.
The older candidate will trumpet his maturity and experience.


This guy is talking down to Home-Ec students. I wanna cut his nuts off!
Bitter losers from previous campaigns will take cheap pot-shots from the sidelines.

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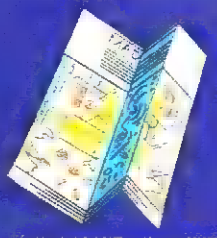
WHO'S MADE A FORTUNE COLLECTING AND PACKAGING GARBAGE?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

There are many entities getting rich by taking garbage and forcing it on the public. But there's one culprit in particular that's been very animated about it. To find out who is downright cartoonish in their exploitation of trash, fold page in as shown.



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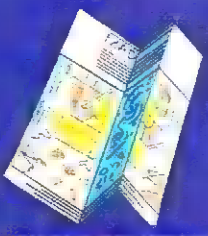

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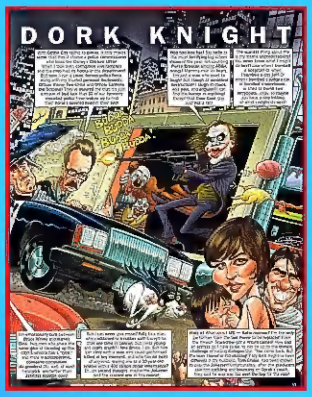

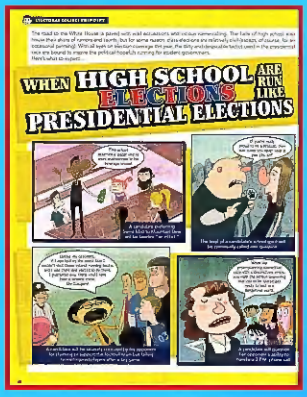

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